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Rev. Beth Gassert Lyon,
Associate Pastor

THE TORCH

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LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP

January 6th, 1991.

This is the Feast of the Ephphany. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed. Beth Lyon will lead worship. The scripture lessons are Isaiah 60: 1-6, Ephesians 3: 1-12 and Matthew 2: 1-12. Hymns include "As With Gladness Men of Old," "Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning," and "We Three Kings." (Dr. Irvine will be attending a UCC Pastor's Convocation in Orlando; he will be back in the office on January 11th.)

January 13th.

Dr. Irvine, who on January 11th will be back in the office after a trip to Florida, will be in the pulpit. He will preach on "Your Baptismal Names" from Mark 1:4-11. Hymns will include "O Worship the King," "O Where are Kings and Empires Now," and "Jesus Calls Us."

January 20th.

Dr. Irvine's sermon will be based on I Samuel 3:1-10 and will be entitled "On Listening Carefully." Hymns will include "When Morning Gilds the Skies," "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind," and "Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak."

EPIPHANY PEACE SERVICE

A special Epiphany Peace Service will be held at First Christian United Church of Christ in downtown Burlington on Sunday, January 6th, at 7 p.m., sponsored by the Burlington UCC Ministerium. Preaching for the occasion will be the Rev. Doug Long, who will depart soon afterwards for language study in Mexico prior to beginning a new Habitat for Humanity project.

This will be a worship service of special music and prayers as we struggle to affirm the sovereignty of the Prince of Peace in a world torn by strife. Participants are invited to bring names of those involved in the Middle East. There will be a special time of prayer for these persons.

Everyone is invited.

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

1898 WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP 1990

Eight years after the founding of the Elon College Christian Church, the women in the congregation organized the Ladies Aid Society, forerunner of the Women's Missionary Society (1913), Women's Fellowship (1956), and the Church Women of the Soutnerh Conference (1966). This organization has been in continuous existence since its founding, providing spiritual and financial support to the church and the community.

Church services were held on the college campus in the early years but as early as September 1898, the women were discussing plans for the construction of a church building. In January 1901, a committee was appointed to confer with the college president about building a church. In 1911 a lot was purchased on Haggard Avenue but it was sold in 1913 when it became evident that they would be unable to build a church off-campus in the near future.

At the inaugural meeting of the women in March 1898, the first of many money-making projects was initiated. The ladies decided to sell ice cream and cake on Easter Monday. Through the years this practice of raising money through bake sales, bazaars, and dinners has continued with most of the activity coming during the years 1953-59. In 1959 it was reported that the Women's Fellowship had contributed $4,196.35 to the Building Fund and $2,000 for the carpet in the sanctuary. They also contributed toward the reduction of the Parish House debt and were responsible for furnishing the Parish House kitchen and the bride's room in the new church building.

Many of the duties and responsibilities assumed by the ladies at the beginning of the Elon church continue to this day. In 1905 they assumed the responsibility of providing flowers for the chapel pulpit on Sunday. Today there is a committee of the Women's Fellowship who set up the flower calendar for the year. In the last few years the person placing flowers in the church has also served as the guest registrar. In 1912 the Society bought the first communion set for the church. As early as 1927, the minutes state that "clothing, maid service, and personal service were

contributed to a needy family." This was the forerunner of Christmas Cheer, a term which was first used in 1940. In 1928 the circles voted to omit refreshments from their meetings and, instead, gave the money to missions. Now that money is given to the Hunger Fund. The "circle plan" was started in 1923 with 44 members in 4 circles. In 1959 the Fellowship had 130 members divided into seven circles. Today, the Women's Fellowship is responsible for staffing the nursery during the church hour. Some of our women remember a nursery set up on the third floor of the Mooney Building on the campus where Sunday School was conducted from 1925 until 1959. In 1955 a room in the Parish House was set aside for a nursery. The nursery continued in this location until the present church building was constructed in 1959.

Many local, state, and national meetings have been held at Elon College which has served as a focal point for the denomination in our area. The women of the Elon Church have been called upon to provide rooms, meals, flowers, and leadership, particularly during the era of the School of Missions which met on the college campus each summer. Year after year mention was made of winning the "banner", receiving the "Standard of Excellence" and other recognitions that came to the women at Elon.

The Women's Fellowship of the Elon College Community Church has earned our gratitude for the effective leadership it has provided for the last 92 years.

Excerpted from the minutes of the Women's Fellowship by Verona D. Danieley

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TORCHGLEAMS

Wedding bells rang for **Al Primm** and **Jean Sadler** at Stony Creek Presbyterian Church after worship on December 23rd. Jean was Al's secretary for many years when he was principal at Western Alamance High School. Congratulations to the happy couple!...

Congratulations also to **Bert Barbee**, who graduated in December from Appalachian State University with a major in philosophy and psychology...

Best wishes to **Sheree Smith** and Rick Pedigo who are to be married on January 3rd at the home of her parents **Dee and Mona Atkinson.** Sheree and Rick will live in Yanceyville.

Steve Perry and **Josie Huey** are recuperating at home after surgery...

Martin Rose's father, Richard Rose, is critically ill with cancer in Southampton Memorial Hospital in Franklin, Virginia...**Amy Rose** tangled with a door on her way to answer a phone call and both cut badly and broke her foot; until the cut heals, she cannot wear a cast...**Phyllis Young's** brother Marion Johnson of Johnston County had surgery on Christmas Eve for a brain tumor. He came through the operation well but will have to have further treatments as all of it could not be removed...

Please keep in your prayers **Wilma Williamson** and **Floyd Rich** and their families. Wilma and Floyd's younger brother Tony was killed on December 29.

CHRISTMAS CHEER
1990

These are two of the recipients of your generosity This year.

Those in need were very thankful and delighted by your gifts.

CHRISTMAS CHEER COMMITTEE:

Fran Hook — Ann Acquilano
Ruth Cheek — Sybil White
Elizabeth Parker, Chairwoman

MEN'S BREAKFAST JANUARY 13

All of the men of the church are invited to attend the regular quarterly breakfast meeting in the Parish House on Sunday morning, January 13, at 8:00 a.m. Men who signed the Covenant when the Churchmen's Fellowship was chartered here in April of 1963 have been invited as special guests for this meeting. Come and enjoy a hearty breakfast, a brief program, and good fellowship. We will be calling you to get firm reservations.

- Ray Covington, President

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Annual Report

Annual Reports are due today, January 2, 1991. If you have not already turned in your report for your Board or Committee please do so as soon as possible so that the book on Annual Reports can be prepared for the Annual Meeting.

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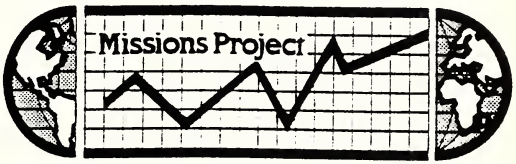
The YETS Group will meet Saturday morning January 5 at 9:00 a.m. at the parsonage to insulate the crawl space. Please bring work gloves, safety goggles, a dust mask and a utility knife of you have them.



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BUILDING FUND MEMORIALS
September 10, 1990 - December 31, 1990

Mr. Samuel E. Foster
Mr. and Mrs. Leroy S. Hughes
Miss Ruth Dunn
Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Vickers
Mrs. Lois M. Bost
Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Danieley
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Edgerton
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Lankford
Mr. and Mrs. Roland Longest
Mrs. Gladys S. Vickers
Mr. and Mrs. Warren R. Jeffreys
Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Pendergrass
Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Terrell
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Parks
Miss Melva Foster

Mrs. Lillie S. Waugh
Women's Fellowship-Circle #1
Mrs. Lois M. Bost
Mrs. Gladys S. Vickers
Mr. and Mrs. E. Leonidas Smith
Miss Winifred Barney
Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Terrell

Mrs. W. E. Loy, Sr.
Women's Fellowship-Circle #1

Mrs. Mona L. Murray
Mr. and Mrs. Leroy S. Hughes
Mrs. Lois M. Bost

Mrs. Susie Smith
Adult Sunday School Class
Mrs. Lois M. Bost

Mrs. Fannie Coleman
Mrs. Lois M. Bost

IN HONOR OF MRS. BETTY WALKER
The Family of Mrs. Evella Sutton

Mrs. Evella B. Sutton
Women's Fellowship-Circle #1
Mrs. Lois M. Bost
Mr. and Mrs. Roland Longest
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Loy
Mrs. Kenneth Clem
Women's Fellowship
Mr. J. Mark McAdams
Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Terrell

Mrs. Adelia J. Truitt
Miss Lea Cellar
Mr. and Mrs. Leroy S. Hughes
Mrs. Cora D. Franks
Elon College Book Club
Mr. Henry H. Kimrey
Ms. C. Edith Roney
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fox
Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Danieley
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Edgerton
Miss Melva Foster
Mr. and Mrs. Roland Longest
Mr. and Mrs. Stan Willard
Adult Sunday School Class
Mr. and Mrs. Noel L. Allen
Mrs. S. L. Allen
Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Stanfield
Ms. Aline S. Tate
Women's Fellowship
Circle #1
Mr. and Mrs. James A. Roney, Sr
Dr. and Mrs. Philip R. Mann
Mr. and Mrs. Frederick K. Walte
Mrs. Clyde Fields
Mr. andMrs. W.R. Pendergrass
Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Terrell
Dr. and Mrs. Martin Shotzberger
Mr. and Mrs. Warren R. Jeffreys
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Powers
Mr. and Mrs. John L. Dixon
Mrs. L. D. Martin
Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Alexander

- Lois M. Bost, Treasurer -

JANUARY 1991 CALENDAR

2	-		ANNUAL REPORTS DUE
5	-	9:00 a.m.	YETS Meeting at Parsonage
6	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		3:00 p.m.	Scout Troop 51 Parents' Meeting in Parish House
7	-	10:30 a.m.	Circle 1
		7:30 p.m.	Circle 2 at Beth Wilkins' House
8	-	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees
		7:30 p.m.	Circle 3 - Church Library
9	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		4:30 p.m.	Wonderful Wednesday
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
13	-	8:00 a.m.	Men's Fellowship Breakfast
		9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		4:00 p.m.	Committee for the Second Century
		4:00 p.m.	Middle High Youth
14	-	10:30 a.m.	Prayer Group
15	-	9:50 a.m.	Fun Club
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
16	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		4:30 p.m.	Wonderful Wednesdays
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
20	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		12:00 noon	YETS
		4:00 p.m.	Evangelism Committee
22	-	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts

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JANUARY 1991 CALENDAR - continued -

23 -	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
	4:30 p.m.	Wonderful Wednesdays
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
27 -	9:45 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		Annual Meeting
	1:00 p.m.	Middle High Ice Skating
29 -	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
30 -	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
	4:30 p.m.	Wonderful Wednesdays
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal

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THE COMMITTEE FOR THE SECOND CENTURY

- Meets Sunday, January 13, 1991, 4 p.m. in the Church Library.

- Reports that the Committee on Parish House Renovations (appointed by the Board of Trustees) has submitted to contractors the "Request for Bids" showing Parish House additions and renovations. The contractors should have their bids back into the hands of the committee in the near future.

- Requested the Church Council to authorize the creation of a Committee to design and carry out the raising of funds for the Campaign for a Second Century. The Council approved the request on December 23, 1990 and the committee is being formed. The suggested date for the Campaign is March 31, 1991 as Pledge Sunday and the report of a "successful campaign" on Centennial Sunday, April 14, 1991.

- Rejoices at the good work of the Evangelism Committee of the Board of Deacons under the leadership of John Hemphill as they seek new members. They are developing a long range program of Evangelism.

- W. J. Andes

December 18, 1990

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO PREVENT WAR IN THE GULF

ISSUE: Iraq has created a crisis by invading Kuwait. The U.S. deserves credited for working through the United Nations to set up sanctions that hold some promise of a non-violent resolution of the crisis. However, the U.S. has not given these sanctions time to work, but instead has made the crisis worse, taking the world to the brink of war, hoping that the threat of war will avert war. By the deadline of January 15, various diplomatic approaches may produce some resolution or shift in the crisis. But if Saddam Hussein does nothing or not enough, the dynamics of threatening war may well force the U.S. to go to war. This U.S. action would be a political and moral disaster. What can we do to change these dynamics to give sanctions and diplomacy a chance to work?

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

THE MESSAGE:
* Do not go to war.
* Give sanctions and diplomacy a chance to work
* Urge Congress to oppose any resolution which would authorize war.

1. CALL THE WHITE HOUSE. The White House Comments Desk keeps track of public response. You can register your opinion at (202) 456-1111. The President needs to hear what the public is saying.

2. WIRE THE WHITE HOUSE. UCC OCIS has set up a mailgram program for this crisis. By calling (800) 257-4900 (toll free) and asking for operator 9796, you can send the following message: "DO NOT GO TO WAR WITH IRAQ. WE IN THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHIRST BELIEVE SANCTIONS AND DIPLOMACY SHOULD BE GIVEN A CHANCE TO WORK. PEACE REQUIRES PATIENCE." You can also send your own message of similar length with this same operator. You will be charged $6.75 on your phone bill.

3. WRITE YOUR SENATORS AND CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVE. Congress will convene on January 3rd. There may well be a floor vote within the first ten days. It is doubtful the White House will initiate an attempt to get legislation authorizing a war, but Congressional Conservatives may put forward some resolution indicating Congressional support. The Democratic Caucus voted 177 to 37 that the President should not go to war without an authorizing vote by Congress. OCIS is working with ACLU to support legislation in that direction. In any event, Congress must be flooded with calls and mail opposing the war if they are to play any positive role in the crisis.

Senator
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Representative
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Capitol Switchboard (for all offices): (202) 224-3121

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4. SET UP A VISIT with your Representatives while they are home during the break.

5. CONTINUE TO USE THE MEDIA. We have been extremely effective over the last few months in bein heard and in helping to shape public opinion and provide moral guidance. We have placed ads, writte columns, letters to the editor, generated news stories, appeared on radio and T.V. talk shows. Public opinio is shaped in the media, including the pulpit.

6. THEOLOGICAL AND MORAL ANALYSIS. Critics will say: "If the President's plan is to prevent w by threatening war, how can we oppose it or even discuss it without undermining it?" Critics will say: "t Church is naive and has no expertise." Against these critics, democracy and free speech continues to functio and many lines of moral analysis shape the public debate. The existence of critics is a clear sign that t church is speaking effectively, helping to clarify what is going on and what should be going on.

7. EDUCATION. Teach-ins, public and church forums, conferences, have all helped to inform the public a ourselves about the Middle East, U.S. policy, alternative approaches to peace and justice. This educational ro is critical.

8. REACH OUT TO ARAB-AMERICANS. The tendency to create enemy images and negative stereotyp needs to be countered. Incidents of defamation, harassment and racial violence against Arabs a Arab-Americans should be reported to the American-Arab Anti-Discriminiation Committee's hotline (80 347-HATE, where help in developing programs to overcome these problems can be obtained. But before t happens in your community, now is the time to set up meetings or events to increase personal and pub understanding.

9. PUBLIC WITNESS. Many community marches, vigils, and other demonstrations have already be organized around the country, and more are needed. The National Campaign for Peace in the Middle East organizing a national demonstration in Washington on Saturday, January 26. A West Coast demonstration w be held in San Francisco that same day. The demonstration has strong support from student organizatio It is organized around three slogans: "No war in the Middle East," "Bring the troops home now," and "Mon for human needs, not war." OCIS is urging support for this demonstration.

10. PRAY. Some churches are already planning to open their churches for special prayer services on Janu 13 or 15.

Prepared by: Jay Lintner

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

2 - J. C. Dollar
Elizabeth Parker

3 - Dorothy Clem
Janet Mayse

4 - Betty Reynolds

6 - Hilda Oxford
John Truitt, Jr.

8 - E. W. Brafford
Audrey Shumar

10 - Emily Oxford
Martin Shotzberger

11 - Brian Rose

13 - Verona Danieley

14 - John Baxter

15 - Richard Daniel

16 - Bonnie Kirk
Shirley Alexander

20 - Jessie Hook
Eleanore Kittenger
Jennifer Poole

21 - J. Mark McAdams
Susan Barbee

22 - Bert Barbee

24 - Nicole Williamson

25 - Jennifer Timblin

26 - Page Edgerton

28 - Jerry Gammon

29 - Jamie Brown

30 - Leroy Hughes
Clara Noah

31 - Jim Underhill

FUN CLUB

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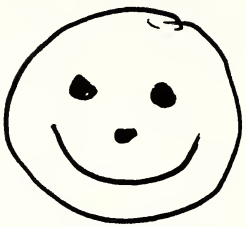

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A SPECIAL TOUR

OF THE

HOLT HOSIERY MILLS

VISIT THE KNITTING MILL IN GLEN RAVEN - CONTINUE TO THE FINISHING MILL BY RT 85 TO VIEW THE DYING & PACKAGING PROCESS.

LUNCH AT NICK'S

WE WILL VAN & CARPOOL
BRING A FRIEND

A VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Volunteers are needed to read children's books onto cassette tape. The tapes will be used by public school children who have learning disabilities such as dyslexia. For more information please call Susan Hemphill at 584-4398 or 227-4273.

THANKS FROM THE STAFF

Your staff members appreciate deeply the cash gifts which we received from the Congregation just before Christmas. We are all happy to serve in this congregation. We value your thoughtfulness and your support.

HISTORICAL BOOKLETS AVAILABLE IN OFFICE

The Centennial Pictorial History of our church, with many pictures and a fine text by our resident historian Dr. Carole Troxler, has been completed and is now available in the church office. Those who signed up in advance for copies may have them at a cost of $10. Those who did not sign up in advance may have them for $15 each. Please make sure your name is checked off the list when you pick yours up.

While we're at it, not all of the offering envelope boxes have been picked up yet. They are on a table in the upstairs back hallway near the Adult Bible Class room. Please get yours if you haven't already.

The Elon College Community Church holds many fond memories for me. The gracious and wonderful people of the Elon Community will always be remembered.

I especially remember going to Dr. Ned Brannock's home each Monday night to help Edith Brannock count the offering of the previous Sunday. Another experience that impressed me was attending a conference in Lynchburg. I had gone with Dr. Bill Scott but I returned with Dr. Hook in his airplane. This was my first plane ride. Dr. and Mrs. Jesse Dollar were ministering to the church at this time and they were wonderful friends to me.

I cherished the opportunity of serving as Director of Religious Education in the early years when the worship services were held in Whitley Auditorium on the campus. This experience helped me grow academically and spiritually and was encouragement for me to go on th Hartford Seminary to obtain my degree in Religious Education.

May God continue to bless this church and its wonderful people.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Foltz Kelley

Director of Religious Education, 1948-49

BLESSINGS AT YEAR'S END

I remember with gratitude the fruits of the labors of others, which I have shared as a part of the normal experience of daily living.

I remember the beautiful things that I have seen, heard, and felt—some as a result of definite seeking on my part, and many that came unheralded into my path, warming my heart and rejoicing my spirit.

I remember the moments of distress that proved to be groundless and those that taught me profoundly about the evilness of evil and the goodness of good.

I remember the new people I have met, from whom I have caught glimpses of the meaning of my own life and the true character of human dignity.

I remember the dreams that haunted me during the year, keeping me ever mindful of goals and hopes which I did not realize but from which I drew inspiration to sustain my life and keep steady my purposes.

I remember the awareness of the spirit of God that sought me out in my aloneness and gave to me a sense of assurance that undercut my despair and confirmed my life with new courage and abiding hope.

—Howard Thurman

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
DURING THE 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

Greeters / Flowers

Jan. 6	Ruth and Alfred Hurst	The Vickers Family
13	Jean and Ed Simons	Miss Ruth Dunn
20	Doris and Biff Brafford	Mrs. Mary Shaw Cunnir
27	Lorene and Jim Lyon	Mrs. Chester Huey

Ushers

Jan. 6	Mike Mayse, Earl Parker, John Hemphill, Lohr Dixon, Dee Atkinsor Don Williamson
13	Steve Perry, Brian Rose, Robin Woody, Rob Woody, Floyd Rich
20	Ken Harper, Louis Wilkins, Beth Wilkins, John Hemphill, Chris Vickers
27	Macon Albertson, Brian Harper, Ryan Harris, Galen Welborn, Cile Welborn, George Troxler.

Nursery

Jan. 6	Cile Welborn
13	Wilma Williamson
21	Lou Harper
27	Phyllis Young

Child Care During Worship

Jan. 6	Brian Rose and Beth Tickle
13	Lou Harper and Rob Woody
20	Ann Acquilano and Katie Brown
27	Carolyn Messick and Jamie Brown

Church Attendance for December

2	-	144	23	-	139	
9	-	202	24	-	65	(Christmas Eve)
16	-	167	30	-	118	

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A special half-hour worship service for the Elon College Community "to provide comfort to each other in a time of international crisis" is sponsored by the College's Chaplain's office and the Elon College Community Church. It will last about a half hour.

January 20th.

Dr. Irvine's sermon will be based on I Samuel 3:1-10 and will be entitled "On Listening Carefully." Hymns will include "Our God, Our Help In Ages Past," "God the Omnipotent," and "Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak."

Copies of the Annual Reports for 1990 will be available after worship for the congregation to peruse during the week.

January 20th, 7:00 p.m.

The 10th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr., celebration will be held at Cummings High School auditorium. The speaker will be Bishop Lawrence Campbell.

January 27th.

For Super Bowl Sunday Dr. Irvine will preach a sermon entitled "On the Relation Between Sports and Religion." The Scripture will be Ephesians 6:10-17. Hymns will include "We Gather Together," "O Where Are Kings and Empires Now," and "For All the Saints."

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held immediately after worship.

February 3rd.

Dr. Irvine will preach from Mark 1:21-28 on "Jesus and Authority." Hymns will include "All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine," "How Firm a Foundation," and "Lord of All Hopefulness."

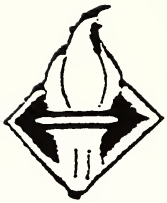
SPECIAL SERVICE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRISIS

The international crisis in the Middle East has all of us deeply concerned. In the interest of drawing us together in the midst of our diversity of views, and enabling us to strengthen each other for this difficult time, the college and the church together are planning a half-hour worship service on Friday, January 18th, at noon, in the church sanctuary. The chaplain's office and the church staff are planning the service, which has as its purpose that we may "provide comfort to each other in a time of international crisis." All are welcome.

ARE YOU A GOOD LISTENER?

The Alamance County Dispute Settlement Center is in need of volunteers who are interested in being trained to be mediators. Mediators are good listeners who help people who are involved in a dispute work out their differences. Most of the cases now handled by the Dispute Settlement Center are referred through the courts. The Center is also in need of office volunteers. If you are interested and have time to help with this important work in our community, you can attend an Information Session at the Center's offices on Monday, January 21st, at 7 p.m. Call the Center's Director, Linda Dunn, at 227-9808 for further details. The next training period for Mediators will be February 1 (1:00-9:00) and February 2 (9:00-5:00).

PRAYER/SUPPORT GROUP - A small group of women meet approximately twice monthly in the church library to share prayer concerns. If you would be interested in such a group, please call Nancy Lu Irvine at 584-9198.



TORCHGLEAMS

Our prayers and sympathy go out to **Martin, Susan, Brian, and Amy Rose.** Martin's father, Richard Rose, died Saturday, Jan. 5th, in Franklin, Virginia...

Dr. Alfred Hurst fell while descending the stair from his attic and now has a cracked pelvis which must heal. He is in good spirits, however, at Alamance Memorial Hospital...**Mrs. Patty Wall** is home after a period in Alamance Memorial Hospital...**Dr. Malvin Artley** is in Duke University Medical Center. He may be facing a long hospital stay...**Dr. Paul Cheek** had surgery last week and is recuperating well at home...**Mrs. Annie Ruth Parker** is back home from Duke but is having to take a series of treatments. Let us keep all these friends in our prayers...

There is some good news from **the Rev. Bill Scott.** He has been called as pastor on a one-year contract with renewal possibilities to Ormond Beach Union Church in Ormond Beach, Florida. He began work there on January 6...

It's been a long time since the social atmosphere was so heavy. Let us all keep the faith in this time of testing for our nation and the world, and continue to pray for peace...Let us also pray for our servicemen, **Andre Wilkins** who is a sailor on the USS Moosebrugger in the Middle East and for his brother **Charles Wilkins** who is undergoing parachute training at Fort Benning in Georgia for several weeks. Charles has completed his basic training as an intelligence oficer in the U. S. Army at Fort Huachuca as the last year came to an end...

JANUARY CALENDAR

16	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		4:30 p.m.	Wonderful Wednesdays
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
17	-	7:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees
20	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		12:00 noon	YETS
		4:00 p.m.	Evangelism Committee
		5:00 p.m.	Board of Missions
		6:00 p.m.	Discover Fellowship
		7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
		7:00 p.m.	Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Cummings High School
22	-	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Habitat for Humanity First Reformed Church
23	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		4:30 p.m.	Wonderful Wednesdays
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
24	-	6:15 p.m.	District Men's Fellowship Bethel Church (Meet in south parking lot to carpool)
27	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		12:00 noon	ANNUAL MEETING
		1:00 p.m.	Middle High Ice Skating
		7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
28	-	10:30 a.m.	Prayer Group
29	-	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
30	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		4:30 p.m.	Wonderful Wednesdays
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LOVE AND CARE

God gave me many blessings through my Mother. Along with her husband and with the grace of God, she provided that mysterious substance that gave me life.

From birth I have been supported by my Mother, my family, and the many congregations of God's people with whom I have lived. On the 3rd of December when it became necessary for me to say good-by to her I felt very secure in the love of family and the love of so many of God's people from the congregations of Starmount, Graham, Cross Roads, and Elon College.

Your notes of remembrance, gifts to ministry, food, flowers, prayers and calls all served to remind me of the way Mother lived her life, the way she always encouraged me to live mine, and the way you do live yours.

May God continue to strengthen all of us in our faith journeys until we will also be permitted to return to God along with the saints who have preceded us and remain in His peace and love forever.

God bless you for your helpful acts of Christian love.

John G. Truitt, Jr.

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Phone: (919) 2

January 9, 1991

To: UCC Churches in the Alamance County area
From: Lakeview Community UCC
Regards: Installation Service on January 27, 1991

Fellow- Christians,

As members of the Eastern North Carolina Association, Southern Conference, United Church of Christ, you are invited to Lakeview Community UCC on SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 4:00 PM. On this date the Rev. E. Reid Dickens will be installed as minis of our congregation. This will be a special day in the life our church and we hope you will be able to share it with us.

May God bless and keep you.

Sincerely,

The People of Lakeview Commun
United Church of Christ.

A reception will follow the service in the Church Fellowship Hall.

YOUTH NEWS

Ice Skating

Slip sliding away

The Middle High Youth will go ice skating in Greensboro January 27. Meet at the Church at 1:00 P.M. Bring $3.00 admission and $1.50 for skate rental. Bring a friend. If we have more than 12 it will be cheaper.

YETS will meet Sunday, January 20 at 12 noon to talk about up-coming projects. Thank you to Shawn, Travis, Brian Harper and Rob for their good work under the parsonage this month.

CHILDREN IN CHURCH

We have our children with us in worship for all or part of the service. When you bring small children to church, you may find some of these suggestions helpful. Those who do not bring children but share the pews with them every Sunday may also appreciate these reminders of the importance of having them share a part of our worship service. Excerpts are taken from the newsletter of the Congregational Church of Brookfield, Connecticut.

"Bringing small children to worship is something like letting them eat at the supper table even though their manners are not very elegant. They wiggle and poke and swing their legs simply because they are children; they also sing and pray and give with us. We trust that they are also learning; that it is important to come to this place each Sunday; that they belong to his special company of people; that signs and sounds and feels of the sanctuary are good, though not always understandable; that something is expected of them in this place; that they may respond with song and prayer and offering."

Suggestions:

- Arrive in time to find a good place to sit where the children can see.
- Give each child a church bulletin.
- Share your hymn book with your children.
- If the children wiggle a bit, remember that some adults wiggle too.
- Encourage the children to shake hands with the minister at the close of worship.
- Help the children to practice at home such parts of the service as the Lord's Prayer, The Gloria Patri and the Doxology. In church, let them know when these familiar events are about to occur so that they can enter in on time.
- Express your joy at having children worship with you. Send an occasional smile in their direction.
- Give thanks to God for the presence of children. Relax and be assured that our worship is enriched by having children in church.

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THE TORCH

Published semi-monthly
during the weeks prior to
the first and third Sundays.

LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP

February 3rd.
Dr. Irvine will preach from Mark 1:21-28 on "Jesus and Authority." Hymns will include "All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine," "How Firm a Foundation," and "Lord of All Hopefulness."

February 10th. Boy Scout Sunday.
Both Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts will join us for worship this Sunday. The Rev. Beth Lyon will be preaching. Scriptures are 2 Kings 2:1-12a and Mark 9:2-9. The sermon is entitled, "Mountain Climbing." Hymns will be "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High" "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" and "O Master Workman of the Race."

This afternoon, at 4:30 p.m., an Inquirer's Class will be held in the church library for those interested in exploring church membership.

February 13th. Ash Wednesday Service, 7:30 p.m.
The Church and the College will jointly sponsor this service to mark the beginning of Lent. All are invited.

February 17th. First Sunday in Lent.
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed. New members will be received. Dr. Irvine's meditation will be on "A Lenten Journey." Scriptures are Genesis 9:8-17 and Mark 1:9-15.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

I was blessed in many ways by attending the UCC Pastors' Consultation in Orlando in early January. One particular way was in acquiring a number of books on church growth and church planning for reading in my sabbatical time. Now the trick is to find the time to read them.

This reading needs to be done this year, and some of it this spring, if our various committees are to get maximum help from it. I plan to try taking one week a month where I will not be responsible for preaching at the end of the week, and as far as possible "hole up" at home and read, attending only to pastoral emergencies and meetings where my presence is necessary. I ask your assistance in this enterprise by not calling on me for normal business in those weeks, which will fall during the first full week of the month in March, April, and May.

My thirty-fifth seminary class reunion takes place during the annual Sprunt Lectures at Union Theological Seminary February 4-6. The lectures are entitled "Preaching As a Twice-Told Tale" by Dr. Fred Craddock, one of the leading teachers of preaching in the country, and I intend to begin that week by going to Richmond for them, not as part of my sabbatical study, but as part of my normal regular study leave. I will be visiting my parents before returning home, as my father anticipates undergoing surgery about mid-month. I expect to be back by Thursday evening, February 7th. The remainder of the week I will be home doing sabbatical reading. Louis Wilkins will be the Deacon coordinating pastoral needs during my absence. He will be reachable during work at 570-6104 and at home at 584-0755.

CENTENNIAL NOTES- CHURCHMEN'S (LAYMEN'S) FELLOWSHIP

These notes are the distillation of information that was collected from the 1891-1945 Church minutes, and fromm the TORCH (1950-1990). Partly because of space limitations and partly because the names of principals in many events are not (presently) available, these notes are event-based rather than personality-based.

The June 6, 1928 Church minutes indicate that a committee was appointed to nominate officers for an "organization of men of the church". The September 12, 1928 minutes record the appointment of a head of "the organization of men of the church". A year-end report tells that the first meeting was held (a banquet) on November 15, 1928, with about 30 men being present; the aim was to have six meetings per year. Dues were one dollar per year, with banquet expenses (two) being extra. The last reference to the meetings of this men's organization to be found in these minutes indicates meetings in 1932; such reports seem to disappear thereafter. There appears to have been a lengthy hiatus. Then the TORCH of October 4, 1951 announced "..our first Laymen's Fellowship Supper", this to be held in the Parish House on October 17, with the meal being served by "one of our Church Women's groups" at a cost of one dollar per person. The plan was to have one dinner meeting per quarter, with "stimulating singing, a fine meal, and speakers"; the purpose was "to develop real loyalty to the group, and (to) the ministry of our church in the community".

A first meeting of its kind took place on October 22, 1959 on the Elon College campus of the Laymen's Fellowship of the Congregational Christian Churches with the Churchmen's Brotherhood of the E & R churches in North Carolina. On September 21, 1962 our Laymen's Fellowship voted to join the National Churchmen's, Fellowship of the United Church of Christ. On April 19, 1963, our local men's group received its "Churchmen's Fellowship" charter from the National Fellowship; note the change from "Laymen's" to "Churchmen's"- apparently, one-half of the name came from the Evangelical and Reformed group, and one-half came from the Congregational Christian group.

Notices of meetings of our local group appear pretty regularly from 1951 until the early 1970's, at which time a period of relative inactivity set in. Then on April 17, 1980, an

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exploratory dinner meeting, looking toward re-organizing, was held; by September 9, officers had been elected. Meetings have taken place with regularity, at first bi-monthly, then quarterly, since that time, with Sunday breakfast meetings, rather than dinner meetings, more recently being the rule. For many years our local men have supported the quarterly meetings of Burlington Area men's (Churchmen's) Fellowship. Torch listings indicate meetings at the Conference level in the late fifties to the mid seventies; meetings at the convention level from the mid fifties until about 1970; meetings at the national level from the late fifties until the early seventies, with participation at least to some extent by our men. Following are listed some activities of our Men's group over the past thirty-five years or so.

EVERY MEMBER CANVASS. During the years 1954-1967 this was a major activity, whether the canvass be on behalf of the Building Fund for the new Sanctuary, for the new parsonage, or for the annual budget. Forty, forty-five, forty-seven are examples of numbers of men found listed as canvassers. For several years during the 1960's, at least partly associated with canvasses, it was customary for the ladies to serve a breakfast to the men, and for the men to do the same for the ladies.

MEALS, PICNICS. In the 1954-1968 period such occasions were frequently sponsored- sometimes on an annual basis- with some of the picnics being held at Moonelon. For a few years in the early 1980's an all-church fun night for New Year's eve was sponsored in the Parish House. The all-congregation Easter Breakfast was sponsored in 1990.

CHURCH AND CONFERENCE PROPERTY. In the early 1950's the men did further finishing work inside the Parish House, and did work such as installing insulation in the parsonage that sat on the corner of Williamson and Haggard Avenues. In June, 1955, the Burlington area Congregational Christian Churches held an all-day work session at Moonelon. Also, in 1955, the Parish House had been painted, mostly by the men. In 1961 the men did a great deal of crucial work in completing the new parsonage on Atkinson Avenue; they also raised money toward painting and guttering the Parish House. In the 1980's they have held clean-up days.

MONEY-RAISING PROJECTS. Some examples: In April 1955, $200

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toward $500 for Moonelon was on hand. In 1965-1966 the Churchmen's Fellowship joined with the Elon Home for Children in putting on two pancake suppers to raise money for CHIP; about $1400 was raised. An on-going project of many years' standing is raising money for the Burlington area Laymem's Fellowship college scholarship fund; this has often been connected with the annual softball tournament with its attendant barbeque sale- the ECCC men have sponsored a softball team for the past several years (and off and on, back to at least 1959, although not always for the tournament or for raising money). 1984 saw the partial sponsorship of two youth to attend the National Youth Event. March 1986 saw the culmination of the sponsorship of a churchwide $6000 project to provide new chairs and tables for the Parish House. Churchwide auctions in 1987 and 1988 raised a total of about $4200, this going to the church budget; on a smaller scale was the sale of Christmas trees and poinsettias in 1989, benefitting the church budget.

OTHER PROJECTS. 1983, cutting and hauling wood for Christmas cheer families and others; winterizing a home. In 1989 the men adopted one night of each month at the Allied Churches of Alamance County Shelter for the Homeless; a group of eight men continues to place two men there on these nights; other persons- women as well as men- are invited to participate in this activity. All men of the church are invited to participate regularly in the breakfasts and projects of our Fellowship. (These notes were assembled by Paul Cheek).

PASTORAL LETTER ON CONTEMPORARY RACISM AND THE ROLE OF THE CHURCH

January 18, 1991

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the United Church of Christ:

Racism, in all its overt and covert forms, is an affront to the very foundations of our faith. God created all humanity in the divine image, called us into being, and into loving relationship with all of God's children. This fundamental conviction compels us to affirm our oneness and equality with all humanity. It further compels us to identify, unmask and oppose any power which seeks to divide and separate us. As the Body of Christ we accept the mission which Jesus initiated of breaking down the dividing walls of hostility.

Despite significant progress, our church, society and world are polarized today because of the pervasive and destructive sin of racism.* As a multiracial church which confesses faith in the one sovereign God who binds in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues and races, we have a special responsibility. As a multicultural church, we are called to embrace the diversity of God's gifts to the human family and rejoice in the variety of God's grace. So important is this affirmation that the Seventeenth General Synod instructed us to develop and distribute a "Pastoral Letter on Contemporary Racism and the Role of the Church." A Pastoral Letter is an extraordinary vehicle in the life of our United

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**Racism is often equated with racial prejudice, a personal attitude towards other people based on a categorical judgment about their physical characteristics, such as race or ethnic origin. For some people, racism means any form of race recognition, especially instances in which members of privileged groups act in a manner injurious to a disadvantaged group. Others, however, reserve the term for patterns of belief that one group of humanity, based upon biological or physical characteristics, is innately superior to another and therefore a justification for exploitative differential treatment. Still others use this term to denote feelings of cultural superiority. Our definition goes beyond patterns of recognition and belief to include decisions and policies made by established and well respected institutions within society, which are predicated upon considerations of race for the purpose of subordinating a racial group and maintaining control over that group. Racism is the intentional and unintentional use of power to isolate, separate and exploit based on race.*

Church of Christ, having been used only infrequently in our thirty year history, and on only the most acute issues.

The Seventeenth General Synod thus declared, "Racism is a sin and an evil that stands as an affront to the Christian faith. Racism is an expression of idolatry, replacing faith in God, who created all peoples equal in the image of God, with the belief in the superiority of one race over another. When this idolatry is expressed by those who possess economic and political power, it leads to a cruel and extensive repression of selected peoples and negation of their identity and value as given by God. The Church is called to define racism as sin against God and is summoned to confess and work to eliminate it."

We view with alarm the many recent manifestations of racism as evidenced by the increase in racially motivated violence throughout the United States of America. It is all too easy to dismiss these as isolated acts of fringe groups and extremist individuals. We know that they are only visible consequences of racist attitudes which permeate most of our institutions and operating assumptions, and which many of us have accepted without critical examination. The systematic discrimination which results from racism is profoundly disturbing.

The effects of racism are found in socio-economic data showing dramatic disparities in such areas as education, income, employment status, health care, housing, crime rates, infant mortality, and drug addiction. The United States continues to be two societies, separate and unequal. These words ring as true today in the 1990's as they did over twenty years ago in the Kerner Commission Report** issued during the aftermath of the urban riots of the 1960's. Poverty is worse now than it was then. There is a large and growing urban underclass in the United States, more economically isolated and socially alienated than ever before. As a result of racial discrimination, all over the United States there are "quiet riots" in the form of unemployment, poverty, social disorganization, family disintegration, housing and school deterioration and crime. These are even more destructive of human life than the violent riots of the past. Hence, we emphatically reject the notion that racism, particularly in the form of institutionalized discrimination, is a problem that no longer requires our utmost attention.

**Also known as the Report of the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders, published in 1968.*

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

2	-	9:00 a.m.	YETS Work Project at Parsonage
3	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		3:30 p.m.	Movie for Senior Highs
		7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
		7:30 p.m.	Board of Christian Education
4	-	10:30 a.m.	Circle 1
		7:30 p.m.	Circle 2 at Dorcas Lohr's
5	-	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
		7:30 p.m.	Circle 3
6	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		4:30 p.m.	Wonderful Wednesdays
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
7	-	7:00 p.m.	Committee for a Second Century
10	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service - Boy Scout Sunday
		7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
11	-	10:30 a.m.	Prayer Group
12	-	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
13	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		4:30 p.m.	Wonderful Wednesdays
		7:30 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service
14	-	7:00 p.m.	Board of Deacons
16	-	9:00 a.m.	YETS Work Project at Parsonage
17	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
19	-	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
20	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		4:30 p.m.	Wonderful Wednesdays
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal

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FEBRUARY CALENDAR - continued -

21 - 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees

24 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
12:00 noon YETS Pancake Luncheon
7:00 p.m. Handbell Choir

25 - 10:30 a.m. Prayer Group

26 - 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

27 - 9:00 a.m. Mother's Morning Out
4:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesdays
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

28 - 7:30 p.m. Board of Missions

The United Church of Christ has a long tradition of confronting racism through the mission work of our national bodies, conferences, associations and local churches. We also have a painful record of discrimination — sometimes benign, sometimes intentional — against racial and ethnic persons within our own household. We call upon every member and local church of the United Church of Christ to renew our faith in the unity God intends, and to increase our commitment to stem the resurgent tide of racism in our increasingly multiracial and multicultural society. Indeed, we must challenge ourselves, our church and our society to be active in seeking new ways to welcome the gifts of people of every racial and ethnic heritage. We can begin to do this together in the following ways:

—to affirm that the God of creation has called all of humanity equally into being without limitation or discrimination based on race or ethnicity (Genesis 1:27);

—to thank God in worship and in our devotional life for the diversity of the human family and for our covenant with each other;

—to examine prayerfully, in light of our faith, our own attitudes and assumptions about race;

—to acknowledge the ways in which many of us have benefitted, and continue to benefit, from the racial exclusion and exploitation of others in our political and economic system;

—to identify the attitudes, institutions and structures within our communities, including our local churches, that racially discriminate, and work to transform them;

—to seek and develop ongoing opportunities for the mutual sharing of diverse histories, experiences, cultures and spiritual gifts;

—to participate actively in the political process on behalf of public policies which result in greater justice, equality and unity;

—to establish a local church Christian education emphasis on racism and cultural diversity for persons of all age groups; and

—to create groups within our churches to challenge the contemporary manifestations of racism in church and society on a continuing basis as a faithful response to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

As Christians, affirming our oneness in Christ, let us be fervent in our prayers and in our commitment to reconcile the false divisions which the forces of racism have nurtured among us. Let us be both repentant and merciful as we boldly stand with the victims of racism and as we change the ways in which each of us contributes to this victimization of others. In this time of challenge and change throughout the world, may God give us in the United Church of Christ the strength and the courage faithfully to seek the necessary changes so that no child of God will suffer the devastating and debilitating effects of racism. And, by grace, may we come to know the deeper unity that comes as we embrace each other and all of God's manifold gifts.

This Pastoral Letter was signed by all the officers of the United Church of Christ, all chief executives of the ten UCC instrumentalities, and all forty Conference Ministers, and sent to every congregation in the U.C.C. In a subsequent TORCH we will publish the background material which accompanies the Pastoral Letter.

PARISH HOUSE RENOVATIONS TO BEGIN

At a well-attended Annual Meeting after worship on January 27th, the congregation voted, with no dissent, on recommendation by the Board of Trustees and the Church Council, to contract with Richard L. Goodson to do the renovation work on the Parish House, with the work to begin immediately. The Trustees will negotiate a short-term loan for needed construction funds, pending receipt of funds for this purpose from the Centennial Campaign to be conducted this spring.

Three bids had been solicited for the renovations from reputable contractors in our area. They came in as follows: $78,213.13, $76,500.00, and Mr. Goodson's bid of $62,026.00.

Mr. Goodson expects to begin work about February 1st and advises us that from about February 10th until about April 1st, the Parish House will be unavailable for any church activities.

CENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE NAMED

A special Centennial Campaign Committee has been named and will hold its first meeting on February 5th at 10 a.m. The Committee consists of Ray Covington, J. Earl Danieley, Barry Raker, Martin Shotzberger, Wally Snyder, and Phyllis Young.

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE NOTES

The Evangelism Committee is in need of some help in designing a mailing for the Letnen/Easter/Centennial season to area residents. If you have graphic arts skills or a computer that has desk top publishing capabilities, and could give some time, please call John Hemphill at 584-4398 or Earl Parker at 584-1979.

CHURCH CHANGES INSURANCE CARRIERS

The Trustees gathered at a special meeting on January 20th to consider moving the church's insurance to the UCC*INS program. This program is sponsored by the Conferences of the United Church of Christ Insurance Advisory Board. Some years ago the Northern California Conference of the UCC, concerned about ways to help their churches save money, began to explore development of a common carrier for its churches. The idea rapidly spread across the United Church of Christ to other conferences and, as could be expected, the more churches that entered the program, the better the insurance package that could be offered. It figures that a program tailored specifically for churches should be better than one that isn't.

Mrs. Betty Klutz of Concord, NC, the UCC*INS representative in North Carolina, presented the program to the Trustees and went through it in detail. A savings of $500 from our former policy could be achieved and a much higher liability level realized in many parts of the policy. After discussion, the Trustees voted unanimously to move our insurance to the UCC*INS program effective immediately. Our auto policy covering the van, which expires in May, will be allowed to run its course and then that part too will be changed over to the UCC*INS coverage.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

3 - Christopher Powell

4 - Jane Alexander
Minnie Stickles

5 - Phil Edgerton

6 - Mark Rinker

7 - Andy Baxter
Shannon Albertson

8 - Sharon Rinker

9 - Jane Alexander Scroggs
Heidi Troxler

10 - Bobbie Scarlata

12 - Stephen C. Perry
Barry Oxford

14 - Buddy Boyd
Leigh-Ann Denny

15 - Eugenia Wagoner
Mark Ellis

16 - Howard Loy
Marsh McLelland
Joe Holt
Melissa Pendergrass

17 - Bertie Fields
Andrea Albertson

18 - Tina Powell

20 - Bertha Phillips
Caroline E. Powell

21 - Roland Longest
Brian Powell
Sarah Dale Sharpe

22 - Peachie Troxler

23 - John Pendergrass

24 - D. D. Atkinson
Katie Poole

TORCHGLEAMS

Congratulations to **Ray Covington** who was named an Outstanding Young North Carolinian and given the Distinguished Service Award by the Burlington/Alamance JayCees at their annual awards dinner on January 25th...

Thanks to **Verona Danieley** for helping Roberta Starr collate the Annual Reports...

The Rev. E. Reid Dickens was installed on the afternoon of January 27th as Pastor of Lakeview Community United Church of Christ. **Dr. Bill Andes** gave the sermon. **Mabel Veazey**, whose late husband served the Lakeview Church, and **Dr. Irvine** also represented our church at the event. We pray for Reid a happy and productive pastorate at Lakeview. He grew up in the Carolina United Church of Christ, attended Elon College, and served his first pastorate at Turners Chapel, Sanford...

Tom and Jane Hamilton and **Nancy Lu and John Irvine** enjoyed a day together seeing the sights in Epcot Center at Disney World near Orlando in early January after the Consultation for UCC Pastors ended...

Tom Camacho, Bill and Susan Barbee's son-in-law, has been called to active duty. He is a helicopter pilot in the North Carolina National Guard...Keep him in your prayers, and also our other servicemen, **Charles Wilkins**, who is finishing up his three actual jumps from an airplane at paratroop school as this is being written, and his brother **Andre Wilkins** who is on the USS Moosebrugger on patrol in the Middle East and hoping he can come home when his regular term of enlistment is up in late February. So far he has not heard one way or another...

Hospitalized: **Clara Noah** in Alamance Memorial Hospital mending from surgery to repair a broken hip; **Malvin Artley** at Duke, and **Annie Ruth Parker**, back at Duke momentarily to begin a new series of monthly chemotherapy treatments. Pray for healing for them all...

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ANNOUNCING . . . .

A Conference-Wide Worship Service
Race Relations Sunday
February 10
4:00 p.m.
Laodicea United Church of Christ
2004 Rock Quarry Road
Raleigh, N.C.

"THERE IS HOPE IF WE STAND FOR THE TRUTH"
Guest Preacher: Lou Ann Parsons

Lou Ann Parsons served as a missionary in South Africa for 35 years with the United Congregational Church of Southern Africa. During that time she served as Director of Christian Education, worked with community-based organizations and helped design the "Pastoral Plan" which trained 5000 people to use the see-judge-act model of Christian social analysis.

Central to Lou Ann's ministry is work against apartheid, helping to prevent the forced relocation of Africans to "homelands" and aiding political prisoners.

Lou Ann retired in June 1990. She is working for a year with the Africa Office of the United Church Board for World Ministries and will speak in churches throughout the country.

The opportunity to worship together as a conference is rare. The opportunity to hear such a knowledgeable and inspiring speaker is rarer!

Please make every effort to attend this worship service and to spread the news about it in every possible way.

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
DURING THE 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

Greeters

Feb.	3	Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Harper
	10	Mr. and Mrs. Willard White
	17	Mr. and Mrs. John Schmidt
	24	Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pendergrass

Flowers

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight W
Mr. and Mrs. George N
Mr. and Mrs. George E
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bey

Ushers

Feb. 3 Mike Mayse, Earl Parker, John Hemphill, Lohr Dixon, Dee Atkinson Don Williamson

10 Steve Perry, Brian Rose, Robin Woody, Rob Woody, Floyd Rich

17 Ken Harper, Louis Wilkins, Beth Wilkins, John Hemphill, Chris Vickers

24 Macon Albertson, Brian Harper, Ryan Harris, Galand Welborn, Cile Welborn, George Troxler.

Nursery

Feb. 3 Susan Hemphill
10 Lou Harper
17 Andrea Albertson
24 Janet Mayse

Child Care During Worship

Feb. 3 Kim or Steve Perry and Brian Rose
10 Maxine Rich and Rob Woody
17 Cile Welborn and Jamie Brown
24 Marie or Jeff Wilkins and Daniel Doyle

Church Attendance for January

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LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP

February 17th. First Sunday in Lent.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed. New members will be received. Dr. Irvine's meditation will be on "A Lenten Journey." Scriptures are Genesis 9:8-17 and Mark 1:9-15. Hymns will be "The King of Love My Shepherd Is," "My Faith, It Is an Oaken Staff," and "Lead Us, O Father, In the Paths of Peace."

February 24th. Second Sunday in Lent.

Dr. Irvine will preach on "The Ultimate Turnover" from Mark 8:31-38. Hymns will include "God Moves in a Mysterious Way," "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," and "Make Me a Captive, Lord."

March 3rd. Third Sunday in Lent.

Beth Lyon will be preaching. More details will be in the next TORCH. Girl Scout Sunday will be observed.

March 10th. Fourth Sunday in Lent.

This will be one of our special Centennial Sundays. Our recently elected Associate Conference Minister for the Eastern North Carolina Association, the Rev. Yvonne Beasley, will be preaching on the contribution Black churches have made to the United Church of Christ. The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received.

VOLUNTEER SURVEY ENCLOSED

Our last volunteer survey was distrubuted in 1989. It is time for an update. We would be grateful if you would look over the green sheet listing 100 service opportunities in the church at this Centennial time, fill it out, and either mail it to the church or place it in the offering plate at worship. Thank you for your willingness to help your church do the work of ministry!

TORCHGLEAMS

Our sympathy to the Troxler family in the death of George's mother, Mrs. Hattie Vernon Brown Troxler, who died at Alamance Memorial Hospital on February 6th and was buried February 9th. She was 92 and had lived with the Troxler family for many years...

Congratulations to Ellen Barney Williams, who received her Doctor of Music degree with a major in performance voice from Florida State University last December 15th; Charles and Gertrude Liscum attended the ceremonies. Ellen is now teaching voice at the University of Iowa in Iowa City...

There were not a few tears shed as the congregation sent one of its sons off to war in the Persian Gulf on February 10th. 2d. Lt. Charles Wilkins was home briefly after completing training as an intelligence officer in the U. S. Army and then his required five parachute jumps in paratroop training. He is now at Fort Bragg and will shortly be going to Saudi Arabia where his skill in Arabic will be valuable to our nation. No word yet on whether his brother Andre on the USS Moosbrugger will be able to leave the Gulf waters when his term of enlistment is up late this month. 1st Lt. Tom Camacho of Wilmington, son-in-law of Bill and Susan Barbee, was also called to active duty this past week with his N. C. National Guard unit and after a brief training period at Fort Hood will go to Saudi Arabia; he pilots an attack helicopter. Let us keep these young men in our prayers daily through their dangerous days...

Also remember in your prayers Gladys Vickers, who underwent surgery at County Hospital for cracks in an ankle bone on February 12th; Pattie Wall who is in Alamance Memorial Hospital, Malvin Artley who is at Moses Cone Hospital, and Dorothy Clem who is back home after a brief trip to the hospital...Heidi Danieley, we're glad to say, is back at work after a seige of "walking pneumonia"...
We were also glad to see Dr. Alfred Hurst recovered enough from his injuries from a fall to attend church Feb. 10th...
And thanks to the children in the "Wonderful Wednesday" program who made valentines to send to our shut-ins...

PILGRIMAGE RETREATS

Our Southern Conference has developed a program of sequential spiritual retreat experiences known as "The Pilgrimage." These are held each year at Blowing Rock Assembly Grounds. They have a five-fold purpose: (1) to praise God; (2) to help us discover the presence of God in our lives; (3) to help us develop disciplines that enhance and deepen our sensitivity to God's presence; (4) to renew and transform us spiritually for our discipleship in the world; and (5) to encourage us to share our spiritual journey with others. Participants must commit to all three retreats. The dates for this spring's sequence are March 8-9, April 5-7, and May 31-June 1. Retreats begin at 6 p.m. on the first day and end about 4 p.m. the last day. The total cost per person, double occupancy, for all three retreats is $147.50. This covers 4 nights lodging, 12 meals, and materials. $25 of that is paid with registration.

If you are interested, we have in the church office brochures that further describe the retreat and contain registration forms. Just ask us for one.

MUSIC NOTES

The Children's Choir (K-1) will sing in morning worship on February 24th, and again on Easter Sunday, March 31st.

The Junior Choir will sing in worning worship on Palm Sunday, March 24th, and on Easter Sunday, March 31st.

Parents of members of these choirs, please note the dates and have choir members present!

PASTOR'S TIME AWAY

David Irvine, Dr. and Mrs. Irvine's son from California, will be visiting them February 25th to March 3rd. Dr. Irvine will be taking time off from Wednesday, February 27th, through Saturday, March 2nd, so he and his wife can accompany Dave on a visit to his grandparents in Harrisonburg and his sister in Norfolk, VA. During Dr. Irvine's absence the deacon responsible for pastoral emergencies will be Lou Harper. She may be reached at work at 584-2420 or at home at 584-6535. The following week will be a sabbatical reading week when Dr. Irvine will be at home rather than in the office.

GENERAL SYNOD COMING SOON

General Synod is the highest deliberative body of the United Church of Christ. It meets every two years across a weekend close to the Fourth of July (when large convention centers have lower rates). It draws delegates from all 40 conferences of the denomination--from Puerto Rico and Hawaii and all other states except Alaska. This summer, for the first time in our denomination's history, the meeting will be held within the bounds of our Conference--at Norfolk, from June 27th to July 2nd.

There is always a major worship service drawing thousands of UCC people on the Sunday afternoon of Synod. First Christian Church UCC of Burlington has reserved a bus for that day to take people from this area to this service on June 30th. The cost per person, if the bus is filled, will be only $15.00 for the round trip. The bus will leave early in the morning and get back home in the evening. If you would like to reserve a space on the bus, please call the church office.

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM TO CLOSE

Friday, February 15 will be the last day for our afterschool program. We had hoped to maintain the program, in spite of our low enrollment, until the end of the school year. Unfortunately, our financial situation is too bleak to continue. The program has been operating at a decifit since September, but with our projected revenue combined with a surplus from the first two years, we thought we could last until May. A number of factors have worked against us. Not all the families with children enrolled have kept up with their tuition payments. We are owed over $400 in back tuition at this time. In January, a $60 cash payment was stolen from the afterschool office. We have no funds left to make up our deficit.

The problem is more than a short term financial crisis, however. Enrollment has been low all year. There are many more programs available to students at Elon Elementary, from which the majority of our kids have come in the past. The same year we started our program, the YMCA began a program at Elon Elementary. They have room for 30 kids and will be able to take all 6 of our remaining Elon students. Such a large program was not their original intent. When we planned our program the Y was still talking about a dozen kids for whom financial aid would be available. Obviously, their plans changed, and we went on with ours, unaware. When New Mission UCC began their program this year, they also planned to pick up at Elon. They couldn't find enough kids there to make it worthwhile. I'm sorry to see the program go, but the need is no longer there.

I'd like to thank staff members Margaret Dejournette, Susan Vickers, Robin McCraw, Kristen Wilkins, John Barbee, Katie Brown, and Rob Woody, and church members Susan Barbee, Sue Brown, Ann Acquilano, Patricia Woody, Marie Wilkins, Carolyn Messick, and Nora Griswold for their hard work over the past three years.

Beth

CONTEMPORARY RACISM AND THE ROLE OF THE CHURCH BACKGROUND

The Pastoral Letter on Contemporary Racism and the Role of the Church challenges the United Church of Christ to examine fully and critically the racist attitudes which permeate most of our institutions, including the church. That is, it calls upon us as church members to recognize the systemic nature of racial discrimination in American society. Many people have emotions and opinions about racism, be they conscious or unconscious, articulated or unarticulated, vehement or passive. Many do not understand where these emotions and opinions come from. Nor do many understand why racial and ethnic* peoples insist upon using particular methods to discuss and deal with racism. There is ample reason for such confusion; racism is a complex phenomenon. The following pages attempt to define and describe racism, and show how contemporary racism works in the United States.

DEFINITIONS OF RACISM

Only during the modern era of human history has the concept of race acquired pejorative connotations. Before European whites conquered and subjugated the peoples of Africa, Asia and America, a "race" was seen simply as a people with a common genealogical parent or as a species or genus of animals. In the Western Hemisphere, evidence of a slave trade dates back to 1495, when Christopher Columbus rounded up Arawak Indians for sale in Spain.[1]

> It was not, in fact, until the seventeenth century that the outlines of the modern race problem began to emerge . . . it was when Western imperialism began to explore and exploit the colored peoples of Africa, Asia and America that the beginning of segregation and discrimination based on color and race was initiated. It was then that color was associated with "inferiority" and white with "superiority."[2]

**The term "racial and ethnic," as used in this paper, is nomenclature collectively used by the African American, Hispanic American, Pacific Islander/Asian American and Native American caucuses of the United Church of Christ to denote the constituencies of the above mentioned groups. This term was developed as an alternative to the term "minority," which is regarded as being highly parochial in light of the fact that they presently comprise the vast majority of people in the world and will soon become the majority population in the United States.*

Moreover, a school of supposedly scholarly thought emerged during the nineteenth century which used pseudo-scientific concepts such as the size of the cranium to put forth a theory of hereditary inferiority based upon racial characteristics. Prominent proponents of such bogus theory were Houston S. Chamberlain and Joseph A. Gobineau. A virtual explosion of writings on this subject took place in the United States, after the demise of the slavery system necessitated the development of a new system of exploitation.[3]

In the United States contemporary racism is often equated with racial prejudice, a personal attitude towards other people based on a categorical judgment about their physical characteristics, such as race or ethnic origin. For some people, racism means any form of race recognition, especially instances in which members of privileged groups act in a manner injurious to a disadvantaged group. Others, however, reserve the term for patterns of belief that one group of humanity, based upon biological or physical characteristics, is innately superior or inferior to another and therefore a justification for exploitative differential treatment. Still others use this term to denote feelings of cultural superiority. Some definitions include all of these possibilities as manifestations of racism.[4]

The concept of racism involves a value judgment. Because this term is so inherently value-laden, most people tend to restrict their definition of racism to easily identifiable racist acts. This approach fails to acknowledge that many instances of racism result from decisions and policies made by established and well respected institutions within society. Such instances of racism are subtle and less identifiable. It is therefore important that our definition of racism takes into account its covert and institutionalized nature.

> Racism is both overt and covert. It takes two, related forms: individual whites acting against individual blacks, and acts by the total white community against the black community. We call these individual racism and institutional racism. The first consists of overt acts by individuals, which cause death, injury or the violent destruction of property. This type can be reached by television cameras; it can frequently be observed in the process of commission. The second type is less overt, far more subtle, less identifiable in terms of specific individuals committing the acts. But it is no less destructive of human life. The second type origi-

> nates in the operation of established and respected forms in the society, and thus receives far less public condemnation than the first type.[5]

Although this quote refers specifically to African Americans, we feel that it applies in varying degree to all racial and ethnic peoples in the United States. Since the time when this was written, it has become clear that Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, and Pacific Islanders and Asian Americans are similarly affected. For racial and ethnic peoples in this country, racism is a daily reality. It involves more than just prejudice. It involves decisions and policies predicated upon considerations of race for the purpose of subordinating a racial group and maintaining control over that group. It is impossible to understand racism apart from the institutions and structures in society which support it. It is also impossible clearly to understand our individual attitudes and actions outside of such an institutional context. The National Council of Churches offers the following definitions:

> **Racism** is racial prejudice plus power. Racism is the intentional or unintentional use of power to isolate, separate and exploit others. This use of power is based on a belief in superior racial origin, identity or supposed racial characteristics. Racism confers certain privileges on and defends the dominant group, which in turn sustains and perpetuates racism. Both consciously and unconsciously, racism is enforced and maintained by the legal, cultural, religious, educational, economic, political and military institutions of societies. Racism is more than just a personal attitude. It is the institutionalized form of that attitude.
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> **Institutional Racism** is one of the ways organizations and structures serve to preserve prejudice. Intended or not, the mechanisms and functions of these entities create a pattern of racial injustice. Racism is one of several sub-systems of domination in the modern world. It interacts with these other sub-systems to produce broad patterns of oppression and exploitation that plague the world. Among these sub-systems are class and sexual oppression. Women who are victimized by racism face a compound burden. They not only have to deal with oppression due to their racial origin or identity, but they are also confronted with eco-

nomic and political exploitation based on their sex and/or race.[6]

Focusing on institutional racism is critical to understanding the nature of contemporary racism in the United States. One must clearly distinguish between equality in principle and equality in practice.

MANIFESTATIONS OF CONTEMPORARY RACISM

In the United States, the historical evolution of a social system based upon racial oppression and exploitation has resulted in the powerful and destructive phenomenon of racism. Contemporary racism has three major manifestations: (1) increasing inequities between the quality of life for whites on the one hand and for racial and ethnic peoples on the other, (2) a climate of growing racial intolerance and hostility, including the increasing number of incidents of racially motivated violence, and (3) strident attempts to assert and protect white cultural dominance in the face of rapidly changing racial demographics and cultural diversity.

Increasing Inequities

There has been significant progress in the socio-economic status of a small minority of racial and ethnic peoples and in the racial attitudes of white Americans. However, the quality of life for the majority of racial and ethnic people is worse today in many ways than it was during the 1960's. Data suggest that the socio-economic disparity between racial groups has a direct correlation to institutional racism.

Recent studies on the status of African Americans have uncovered a sobering truth. Virtually no progress toward social and economic equality for African Americans has been made since the early 1970's. Racism is especially entrenched in the nation's economic institutions. Even though the United States made significant gains in reducing poverty during the 1960's, little or no progress has been made since the Kerner Commission Report. Poverty has become more persistent since the early 1970's, and the chances of a poor person escaping poverty have dropped.[7] This fact is particularly distressing because of the alarming number of children now living in poverty. A recent study has found that one out of every four children under the age of six in the United States lives beneath the poverty level. Fifty-eight percent of these children in poverty are racial and ethnic children. Among

this group, African American children are 4 times more likely than whites to be poor; Hispanic children are 3.5 times, and other racial and ethnic children are 2 times more likely to be poor.[8]

Beside acting to entrap a disproportionate number of racial and ethnic persons in poverty, institutional racism compounds the risks of life. There exist significant disparities in life expectancy between racial and ethnic people and whites. Despite significant improvement, the life expectancy of African American males in 1985 (65.3 years) fails to equal that already achieved by white males in 1950 (66.5 years).[9] The infant mortality rate for African Americans is twice that of whites.[10] There remain significant inequities for access to proper health care for racial and ethnic persons. African Americans and Hispanic Americans are twice as likely to be without a regular source of health care other than a health clinic or hospital emergency room. Many Native Americans live in areas where the availability of physicians is half the national average.[11] In addition, racial and ethnic communities suffer the worst impact from environmental and occupational pollution, in the form of toxic waste sites, air pollution, lead poisoning, pesticides and radioactive exposure.[12]

Since the recession of the 1970's, there has been a continuing disappearance of manufacturing jobs and other traditional avenues of relatively high paying employment for African Americans. By the middle of the 1980's, whatever gains that had been made toward bridging the gap between African American-white income had evaporated. The average per capita income of African Americans relative to white income fell back to the 1971 level, i.e., 57 percent of white income.[13] In 1988, African Americans were two and a half times more likely to be unemployed than whites.[14] Hispanic Americans are far less likely to work in managerial and professional jobs. Moreover, Hispanic women are twice as likely as non-Hispanic women to be employed in service occupations.[15] Contrary to the popular notion of Asian American economic success, a greater percentage of Asian Americans than whites lives in poverty and the average Asian American family in poverty is significantly poorer than its white counterpart. According to the 1980 U.S. Census, 10.5 percent of Chinese families, 13.1 percent of Korean families and 35.1 percent of Vietnamese families in the United States live beneath the poverty level, as compared to 6.6 percent of white families.[16]

Educational opportunity traditionally has been a primary way of bridging the gap between America's two unequal societies. The nation made a basic commitment in this regard with the U.S. Supreme Court decision on school desegregation in 1954. In the

1960's, programs such as open admissions to colleges were instituted. Although these represented significant progress, the professed goal of equality in educational opportunity has often been replaced by new forms of racial segregation. For example, a disproportionate number of African American children are being referred to special education and educable handicapped classes. In many school systems, this constitutes a tracking system based on race, where racial and ethnic children receive less resources, less attention and an overall inferior education.[17] In higher education, racial and ethnic students tend to be enrolled disproportionately in two-year community colleges.[18]

Contrary to popular perception, residential segregation has barely improved during the past 20 years. In the fifteen cities chosen by the Kerner Commission for extensive analysis, the segregation of African Americans in the housing market has not changed significantly. Other studies show that segregation levels are highest in the largest metropolitan areas and the urban centers in the Midwest.[19] Such segregation has remained equally strong for African Americans of all economic and educational levels.[20] Race, rather than income or education, continues to be the most important factor in determining boundaries between neighborhoods. Residential segregation is a major contributor to concentrations of poverty.[21] It also breeds further inequality, including lessened opportunities for work and the greater likelihood of inferior schools, health care facilities and other social services.[22]

Such persistent segregation is not coincidental. It is largely the result of institutional mechanisms such as redlining, biased mortgage financing, restrictive zoning, and racial steering by real estate dealers. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development found that in 40 metropolitan areas, 70 percent of all rental applicants and 90 percent of potential home buyers were steered into separate African American and white neighborhoods. Continued residential segregation is also the result of organized purposeful exclusion on the part of white residents.[23] There appears to be a definite pattern that when white residents are confronted with the reality of a racial and ethnic family living in their neighborhood, their latent racist attitudes assume particular virulence. Such circumstances have resulted in harassment, assault, vandalism, and arson.

The result of this overwhelming institutional racism is an oppressive spirit of hopelessness which affects African American and Hispanic American youth in particular. The self discipline and determination which have characterized the efforts and

achievements of racial and ethnic peoples in America are being eclipsed in the culture of their youth. In place of those qualities, there is bitter resignation and aimlessness among some, defiant rage among others. Such anti-social behavior clearly results when youth perceive that society is structured to exclude them. Most tragic is the way in which these phenomena feed the racist assumptions of many in society and further escalate racial conflict.

Growing Intolerance and Hostility

The nature of racism is best characterized by its very persistence and pervasiveness. This fact challenges the often articulated notion that race is no longer a major determining factor in the quality of life of racial and ethnic people in the United States. In the 1960's, the civil rights movement challenged our society to make serious strides towards alleviating racial injustice. It may seem that we, as a church and a society, have made significant and commendable progress in correcting injustices caused by racism. However, after a short period of apparent support for racial equality, the national mood has seemingly reverted to one of indifference and even hostility. It must be remembered that the system of racial oppression and exploitation has been nurtured and strengthened for several hundred years. Merely a quarter of a century has transpired since the civil rights movement, and we as a nation have only begun to address racism and its ill effects.

Nonetheless, the concept of "reverse racism" has already surfaced. In 1978, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of Allan Bakke, a white male who challenged the admission policies of the University of California. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall wrote in a dissenting opinion to the decision upholding Bakke's claim of reverse racism: "It is unnecessary in the 20th century to have individual [African Americans] demonstrate that they have been victims of racial discrimination; the racism of our society has been so pervasive that none, regardless of wealth or position, has managed to escape its impact."[24] While affirmative action practices may place individual whites at a temporary disadvantage, the National Council of Churches stated that "the complete dominance and institutionalization of white racism in the United States make 'reverse racism' nearly impossible because the victims lack power."[25] By the 1980's, broad public support for racial progress had mostly dissipated. The recent reversal by the U.S. Supreme Court of legal decisions in affirmative action paralleled a similar reversal of America's commitment to racial justice.

Moreover, the nation is witnessing a period of growing racial intolerance and hate. One of the most pernicious features of contemporary racism is the resurgence of racially motivated violence. There has been a steady increase in cases of racially motivated harassment, vandalism, arson, assault, and murder. The Center for Democratic Renewal documented nearly 3,000 cases of racially motivated or hate related violence between 1980 to 1986. It stated that "not a day has passed during [those years] without someone in the United States being victimized by hate violence."[26]

The present upsurge in racially motivated violence is especially distressing because no racial and ethnic person is immune from increased racially motivated violence. Such violence is increasing both numerically and geographically, with many new crimes occurring in places where previously such incidents had not taken place. The character of violence by members of far right, white supremacist and hate groups has become increasingly ideological in their choice of targets. Racially motivated violence seems to surface most during times of economic uncertainty and in areas undergoing social transition. Today, feelings of group hostility are being exacerbated by economic insecurity, immigration and the growing visibility of racial and ethnic communities. In many cases, individuals and institutions consciously use racial and ethnic groups as scapegoats during times of economic instability.

The resurgence of racially motivated violence is merely symptomatic of current racial attitudes. Studies of the present racial attitudes of white Americans toward African Americans have found that they are far less accepting of equal treatment when it comes to the private domains of life, such as one's home or neighborhood. Even those who publicly espouse the principles of equality exhibit highly ambivalent attitudes and behavior in their personal lives; where close intimate contact is involved, many whites do not accept African Americans as equals.[27]

Changing Demographics

As the church comes to grips with the implications of the significant population changes predicted for the next twenty-five years, decisions will be made critical to the church's institutional life and mission. The extent to which the church moves to curb the influence of the inherent institutional racism within its structures and perceptions may have dramatic effects on the shape of its mission, the effectiveness of its ministry, and indeed, even the church's very survival in its present form.

As the twenty-first century nears, demographic conditions will increase Americans' awareness that we are indeed a multiracial society. The Bureau of the Census projects that the African American population will increase from 11.7 percent of the U.S. total in 1980 to 15 percent in 2020. At the same time, immigration trends are also increasing the numbers and proportions of Asian Americans and Hispanics in the U.S. population.[28] By the year 2020, the racial and ethnic population in the United States will have more than doubled, to 115 million. By the middle of the twenty-first century, whites will no longer comprise the majority population in the United States.[29]

In the context of these demographic changes, a climate of racial intolerance can easily escalate into more extreme and divisive forms of racism in the near future. Even today, a major manifestation of contemporary racism in American society is the backlash on the part of the dominant white culture against the growing number and diversity of racial and ethnic groups in the United States. Movements such as "English Only" openly prey upon the present majority's fear of "foreigners" and of losing their own dominant position in society. These movements seek to perpetuate the established patterns of society, i.e, an implicit or explicit white or Eurocentric value system which judges non-white or non-European cultures, accomplishments, and spiritual or moral standards to be innately inferior. Efforts to establish rules requiring the use of English in workplaces and to curtail educational programs for English as a second language will have more than symbolic consequences.[30] In an increasingly pluralistic American society, efforts must be made to strengthen education in English as well as bilingual language skills.

It is imperative that American society accept and adjust to these demographic changes. Increasingly, the well being of American society will be more and more dependent upon the vitality and productivity of its racial and ethnic population. This is readily evidenced by the fact that by the year 2020, African Americans will be nearly 1 of 5 children of school age and 1 of 6 adults of prime working age.[31] Continued economic prosperity will depend largely upon how well the U.S. economy absorbs the growing numbers of immigrants. Immigrants, at the rate of nearly 100,000 per year from the Caribbean, Latin America, Asia and Africa, played a vital role in helping to sustain economic growth in New York City during the 1980's.[32] Paralleling the trend of growing numbers of working-age racial and ethnic persons is that of an increasingly older white population. California, where the Hispanic population alone may account for nearly 35 percent of the

population, provides a test case for the multiracial society of the future, where racial and ethnic persons will bear the burden of support for an aging white population. In the year 2030, whites may account for nearly 60 percent of persons over 65 years of age while racial and ethnic persons may comprise the majority of persons of working age.[33]

CONCLUSION

Unfortunately, American society has yet to comprehend fully the importance of racial and ethnic peoples to the future well being of all Americans. A central issue of the 1990's is how we prepare ourselves for the changes in the United States demanded by its increasingly multiracial and multicultural character. No longer can American society fail to make the necessary investment in bettering the skills and productivity of racial and ethnic Americans. Nor can American society fail to dismantle the barriers of cultural superiority which make it impossible for racial and ethnic Americans to contribute their many gifts as fully vested members of society in the United States.

The church must provide the leadership necessary to break the cycle of racial despair. The extent to which the church moves to curb the influence of institutional racism within its structures and perceptions will certainly have dramatic effects in the shape of its mission and the effectiveness of its ministry. In the past, churches have been the symbols of hope. Congregations and church related schools have called forth the gifts of oppressed peoples and enabled them to develop those gifts through high aspirations, self discipline and a commitment to justice and unity. We have the tradition and the responsibility to lead society in reversing racism and pointing toward a future of equality and community.

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THE SENIOR HIGH YOUTH will be having a soup and salad lunch after Church on Sunday, February 24 in the Choral Center. Tickets are $2.50 for adults and $1.50 for children. Proceeds will go to pay for the YETS workcamp to Pipestem, W. Va.

MIDDLE HIGH NEWS

Middle Highs will meet Sunday, Feb. 24th at 3:30 p.m. in the Youth Room to begin planning a drama for Youth Sunday.

There will be a pool party for Middle Highs on Sat., March 9 at the YMCA. Meet at the church at 4:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

13	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		4:30 p.m.	Wonderful Wednesdays
		7:30 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service
14	-	7:00 p.m.	Board of Deacons
15	-	9:00 a.m.	Second Century Campaign Committee
17	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		5:30 p.m.	Discover Fellowship
		7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
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		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
21	-	7:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees
24	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		12:00 noon	Soup and Salad Lunch in Choral Center
		4:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Executive Committee
		5:30 p.m.	Discover Fellowship
		7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
25	-	10:30 a.m.	Prayer Group
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28	-	7:30 p.m.	Board of Missions

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP - please note change

Because of the Parish House renovations, it was necessary to postpone the "Caring Banquet" we had scheduled for our March General Meeting. We have exchanged our plans for the March and June meetings.

Our March meeting will still be held on Sunday, March 3. But it will be at 4 p.m. in the Choral Center. Dr. Carole Troxler will speak on our mission topic, "Central America". Carole was very gracious to accommodate our request to speak to us three months earlier than planned; but she is not available on Monday evening. This is why we will meet on Sunday afternoon. All women (and men too) are invited to join us in fellowship and learning.

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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

March 1, 1991 Shiloh Presbyterian Church

Anne McKee, Missionary from Zaire, Africa
will speak.

Please bring toiletry articles (toothpaste, toothbrushes, shaving cream, lotion, etc.) for The Shelter for The Homeless.

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FUN CLUB MEETING

PRESIDENTS
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THE PRESIDENTS INVITE YOU TO ATTEND THEIR BIRTHDAY PARTY TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 18TH.

THE FUN CLUB WILL MEET IN THE PARISH PARKING LOT AT 10:00 AM ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19 FOR A VAN TRIP TO THE HOLIDAY INN FOR A MORNING OF SURPRISE FESTIVITIES AND A BUFFET LUNCH. TENTATIVE PLANS ARE FOR MONA AND DEE ATKINSON TO HOST THE AFFAIR WHICH MEANS THAT YOU CAN COUNT ON AN ESPECIALLY INTERESTING MEETING. THE SURPRISE PART OF THE MORNING WILL OCCUR IN THE EVENT THAT MONA AND DEE DO NOT RETURN FROM THEIR SHORE VISIT IN TIMELY FASHION!!! TO DETERMINE THE OUTCOME, DO COME TO OUR PARTY:

PRESIDENTS WASHINGTON, LINCOLN & PARKER

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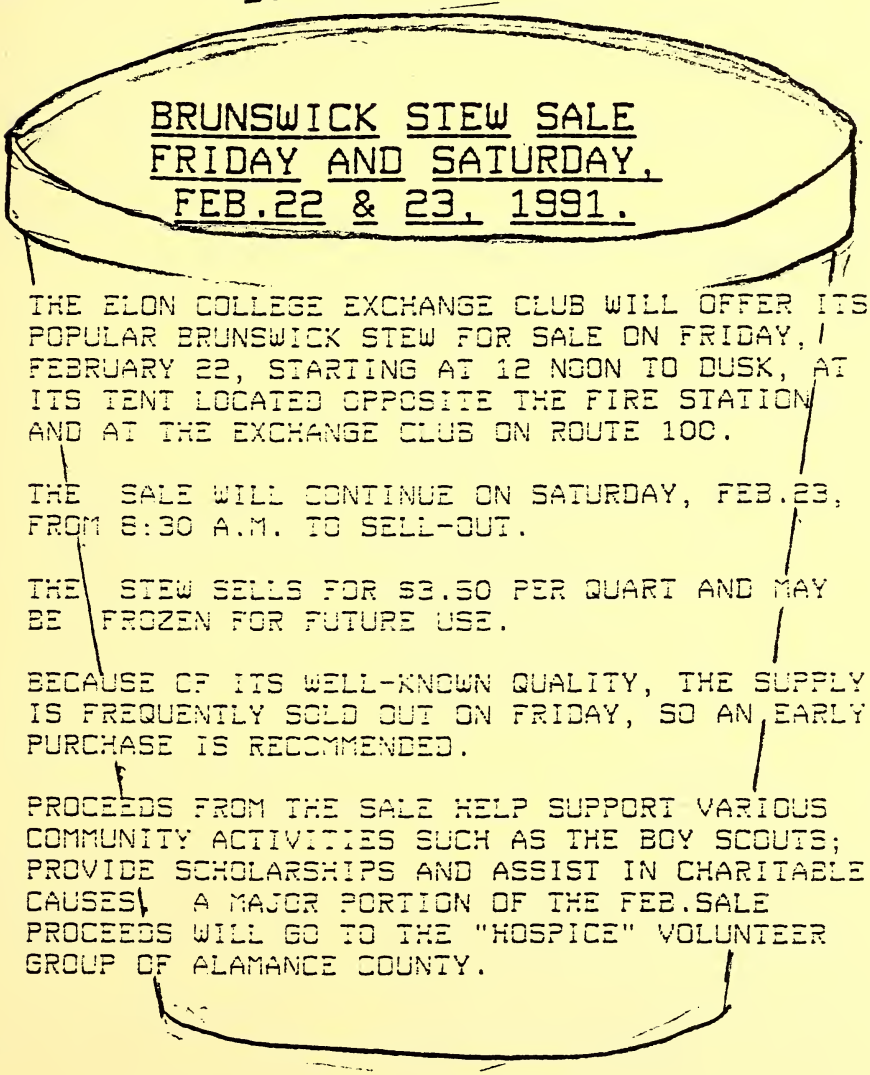

BRUNSWICK STEW SALE
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY,
FEB.22 & 23, 1991.

THE ELON COLLEGE EXCHANGE CLUB WILL OFFER ITS POPULAR BRUNSWICK STEW FOR SALE ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, STARTING AT 12 NOON TO DUSK, AT ITS TENT LOCATED OPPOSITE THE FIRE STATION AND AT THE EXCHANGE CLUB ON ROUTE 100.

THE SALE WILL CONTINUE ON SATURDAY, FEB.23, FROM 8:30 A.M. TO SELL-OUT.

THE STEW SELLS FOR $3.50 PER QUART AND MAY BE FROZEN FOR FUTURE USE.

BECAUSE OF ITS WELL-KNOWN QUALITY, THE SUPPLY IS FREQUENTLY SOLD OUT ON FRIDAY, SO AN EARLY PURCHASE IS RECOMMENDED.

PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE HELP SUPPORT VARIOUS COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SUCH AS THE BOY SCOUTS; PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS AND ASSIST IN CHARITABLE CAUSES. A MAJOR PORTION OF THE FEB.SALE PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE "HOSPICE" VOLUNTEER GROUP OF ALAMANCE COUNTY.

QUESTIONS OF FAITH III

A Six Week Video Series for Young Adults

Elon College Community Church

Sunday Mornings 9:45 - 10:45

February 10 through March 17

in the Young Adult Classroom (second floor of the main building)

More than twenty prominent, contemporary thinkers—some familiar, others new—explore ideas, like sin, salvation, grace, miracles, and moral issues. Protestant, Jewish and Roman Catholic, they range from priest to psychotherapist to Old Testament scholar to evangelist to preacher to sociologist. They offer the fresh, imaginative approaches to old questions that have become the hallmark of this series.

THE SERIES

1. WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY FAITH?
What does faith mean to you? What's the difference between faith and belief? Why does having faith matter?

2. WHY WORSHIP?
What is worship? When does worship happen for you? Does worship ever happen outside the church? What is the value of worship?

3. WHAT'S RELIGION GOT TO DO WITH SEX?
What is the Judeo-Christian perspective on sexuality? What does religion have to say about homosexual issues? What can the church/synagogue offer to those in nontraditional relationships?

4. WHAT ARE THE MORAL DILEMMAS?
What is the most problematic moral issue for you? If you had to identify the most pressing moral problem faced by the culture, what would you say?

5. REMEMBER SIN AND SALVATION?
Whatever happened to sin? What is sin for you? What does salvation mean? What do you need to be saved from? How does salvation happen?

6. WHAT ABOUT GRACE AND MIRACLES?
How do you experience grace? What is grace? Does God intervene in creation today? What is a miracle and have you ever experienced one?

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THE TORCH

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LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP

March 3rd. Third Sunday in Lent.

This will be Girl Scout Sunday. The Rev. Beth Lyon will be preaching from Exodus 20:1-17 and John 2:13-22. Hymns will include "We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator," "In the Cross of Christ I Glory," and "Be Thou My Vision."

(Dr. Irvine will be at home doing sabbatical reading the week of March 4-9.)

March 10th. Fourth Sunday in Lent.

This will be a special Centennial Sunday. Our Associate Conference Minister for the Eastern North Carolin Association, the Rev. Yvonne Beasley, preach on the contribution Black churches have made to the United Church of Christ. The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received.

March 17th. Fifth Sunday in Lent.

Dr. Irvine will preach on "When Worship Bottoms Out" from Psalm 51 (especially verses 16 and 17). Hymns will include "Lord Christ, When First Thou Cam'st to Earth," "Savior, Thy Dying Love," and "O For a Heart To Praise My God."

Saturday, March 23rd.

A Silent Retreat to prepare for Holy Week will be led by our pastors at the church from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A simple lunch will be a part of the experience. Various exercises for guided meditation will be offered during the time. More details will be available in the next TORCH.

March 24th. Palm / Passion Sunday.

We will have a special Passion service (as we did several years ago) involving the retelling of the Holy Wee story in which the congregation takes various parts along with several readers. Three sacred dancers will take part also.

March 28th. Maundy Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed at this traditional Holy Week service.

SECOND CENTURY FUND CAMPAIGN

The Church Council has approved the Second Century Fund Campaign to be held this spring with a goal of $124,926. The campaign will seek cash and pledges for the following purposes:

1.	Parish House renovation	$64,426
2.	Sanctuary - painting, carpet, paint the pews, pew cushions.	25,750
3.	Painting lower level of church.	4,700
4.	Carpet for the church offices	1,100
5.	Contingencies during construction	1,500
6.	Landscaping Parish House and Church	1,700
7.	Interest for construction loans	5,000
8.	Board of Christian Education.	1,500
9.	Board of Mission Projects	10,500
10.	Board of Deacons: evangelism.	2,750
11.	Church Growth/Transition.	6,000
	Focus on long-range planning, setting goals, pastoral transition, team building with next pastor	
	OVERALL GOAL.	$124,926

Calendar for the Campaign:

By February 28 - Materials prepared

March 10-20 - Advance Gifts Solicitation

March 31 - Affirmation Sunday - pledges from members

April 1 - Check up; follow up canvas

Members of Church Council assist with canvas

April 14 - CENTENNIAL SUNDAY - Campaign Victory

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING TO BE RECEIVED MARCH 10TH

Sharing is an important part of life. As children in church school, we are taught to share what we have with our classmates. As we grow up in our faith, we are challenged to share what we have with a widening circle of people. Eventually we come to realize that sharing what we have with anyone in need is part of a mature religious faith.

It does not take much effort to find people in need, either. Remember the floods in Ohio last June? Or the earthquake in Iran? These are dramatic examples of need that prompted emergency responses. Think of the refugees from wars in Afghanistan and Ethiopia. These are cases of need extending over years of conflict. And don't overlook the unpublicized daily need for clean water and adequate food, for literacy and vocational training, among millions of people in our world

Sharing what we have with faraway victims of natural disasters, armed conflicts, poverty and malnutrition has been part of our church life for more than forty years. One Great Hour of Sharing began as an ecumenical program to bring aid to the people whose lives has been devastated by the Second World War. The cooperative response has continued ever since.

This year our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing will be added to those from other Protestant denominations to support international partnerships in development and social service on every continent of the globe. In addition, the offering will assist with disaster relief and refugee resettlement.

This sharing of our combined resources can make a difference. It does make a difference. From the streets of Latin America cities to the deserts of central Africa, from the villages of Indonesia to the refugee camps of Gaza, our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing help people in need to help themselves.

When all of us respond generously in this all-church appeal, we really do "fill the world with love!"

On Sunday, March 10th, members of our church will have an opportunity to join with other Christians over the United States in receiving the One Great Hour of Sharing offering.

Sharing is an important part of life. Let the whole church say "amen".

REPORT TO THE CONGREGATION ON PARISH HOUSE RENOVATION

As you can see, work on our Parish House is proceeding rapidly. We can expect to be enjoying a much improved facility near the first of April.

The committees supervising the renovation of the Parish House have made a few changes since the last report to the congregation. The most significant changes are in the kirchen. Those of you who have been most concerned with the kitchen planning will spot the changes on the accompanying drawing. We thank you for your suggestions.

The sink which replaces the old one has three basins instead of two. We can get deeper basins this way and it makes a wash-in-one, rinse-in-one, dry-in-one flow of dishwashing possible. (The reason there is no dishwasher in the plans is that the cost of an adequate dishwashing system, including modifications required for installation, would be about $3,000, a figure the committee felt was too high to include at the present time, in view of the fact that memorial funds for a dishwasher only total $230.) The other big change combines microwave ovens with the hoods over the two ranges.

Other changes provide more electrical receptacles and better lighting at the two entrances. We have been rerquired to add exit lights which are also an additional cost.

So far these improvements have resulted in about $1,200 in additional cost. Agreeable and helpful contractors have helped keep the added cost this low. If you have concerns or questions, see Hilda Oxford, Biff Brafford, or Harvey Hook.

- Harvey Hook

REVISED DRAWING
PARISH HOUSE KITCHEN
RENOVATIONS

PER: W.J. ANDES
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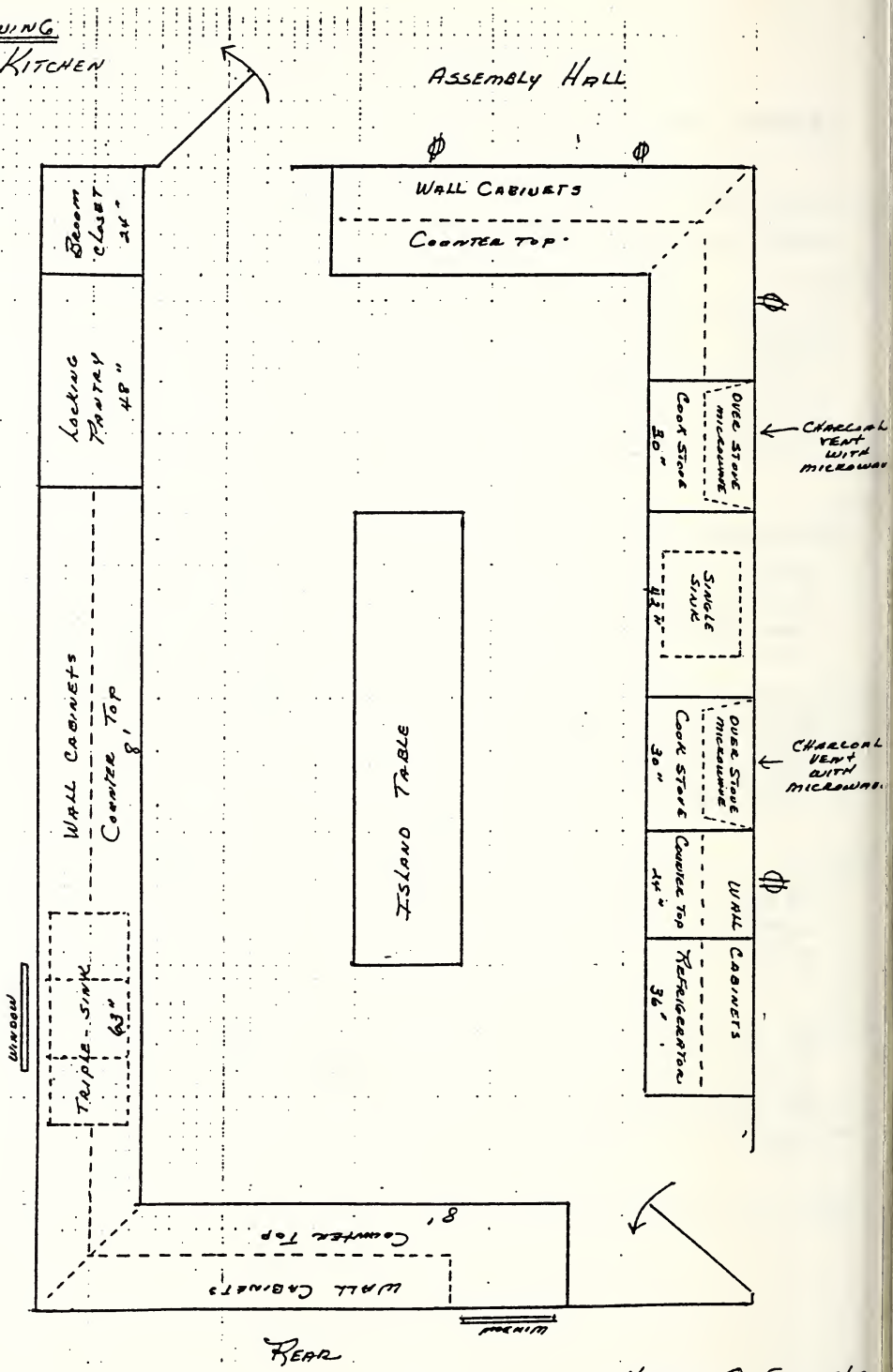

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CHANGES-
1- TRIPLE SINK
2- ISLAND TABLE
3- MICROWAVES

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DON DANLEY AWARDED EAGLE SCOUT RANK

Congratulations to Don Danley, who received his Boy Scout Eagle award at an impressive ceremony at the Lodge the afternoon of February 17th. Twenty-one merit badges are one of the requirements for Scouting's highest rank. Don received his thirty-ninth (!) merit badge (in golf) at the Court of Honor just before his award ceremony. His proud parents, Frank and Deborah Danley stood with him, and he was presented with numerous gifts, plus messages from Rep. Howard Coble, Sen. Jesse Helms, and President and Mrs. Bush.

Leading the ceremony was Dr. Jim Barbour of the Elon College economics faculty, who is Troop 51's new Scoutmaster. Troop Committee Chairman Ray Covington and Troop Chaplain Dr. John Irvine also took part in the ceremony. A number of our church members were present and watching with much satisfaction, including former Troop Committee chairman George Troxler, in whose Cub pack Don began his Scouting adventure. Don is the first Eagle Scout to rise to that rank entirely from within our own troop since its reorganization, and we are immensely proud of him. Presently he serves as Senior Patrol Leader, the highest Scout office in the troop.

TORCHGLEAMS

Did you see **Mona Covington's** fine article on how Elon College goes about facing an uncertain economy in the February issue of City-County Magazine?...

Our deepest sympathy to **Dwight Wall** and his family in the death on February 22 of his wife **Pattie** after a long period of declining health. Burial was on February 24th in Magnolia Cemetery...

We were glad to see **Ruth Hurst** back in church on February 24th after her recent hospitalization at County Hospital... Also ending hospitalizations at County recently were **Gladys Vickers** and **Dr. Bill Sloan**, both of whom are now in the Skilled Nursing department at Twin Lakes Center. **Clara Noah** is making good progress at home recovering from her recent broken hip. **Malvin Artley** makes slow but determined progress recovering from Guillain-Barre Syndrome disease at Moses Cone Hospital's rehabilitation unit.
Keep these people in your prayers...

Katie Brown, Brian Rose, and Robin Woody all won Academic Letters and a Gold Bar for maintaining an A average as Juniors at Western Alamance High School, and freshman **Jamie Brown** won a Gold Bar for the same reason at a recent awards ceremony. We salute these young people on their fine record...

As we met for worship February 24th, **Charles Wilkins** was winging his way to Saudi Arabia on a large transport carrying both troops and helicopters to the war zone. His parents were able to have lunch with him on the 23rd. Keep him, his brother **Andre Wilkins, Tom Camacho**, and all our service personnel in your prayers each day...

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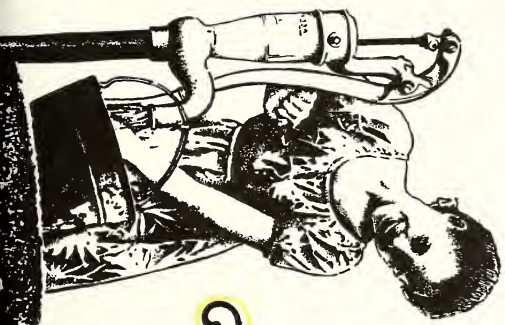
"We were completely without hope until we heard that the churches and Church World Service would help us rebuild."

One Great Hour of Sharing ... giving together to make a difference!

MARCH CALENDAR

3 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
4:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship General Meeting
5:30 p.m. Discover Fellowship
7:00 p.m. Handbell Choir

5 - 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts



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21 - 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees

23 - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Silent Retreat

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28 - 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion Service
8:00 p.m. Board of Missions

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11:00 a.m. Worship Service

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1 - Ashley Oxford

3 - Martin Rose

4 - Scott Dill
John M. Irvine, SR.

5 - Annie Ruth Parker

6 - Al Carpenter

8 - Andre' Wilkins

10 - Patsy Oliver

11 - Carol Dollar
Eva McDaniel

14 - Vera Dixon

15 - Lee Anne Blanchard
Lucy Hughes
Michael L. Byers
Jane McLelland
Mary Lynn Redmond
Beverly Beyer
John Max Hemphill III

19 - William J. Andes
Faye Conally

20 - Kevin Artley
Kristin Powell
Evelyn Terrell

21 - Kim Perry

22 - Gerry Oxford

24 - Gertrude Irvine

26 - J. W. Matlock, Jr.
Ken Harper

29 - Travis Loy

30 - Cary Matlock
Nancy Sharpe
Christina Causey

YOUTH NEWS

THANK YOU! Thanks to all who supported the YETS soup and salad lunch after worship February 24th. Our senior highs earned $137.50 toward our work camp and raft trip in West Virginia in June. Our next fundraiser will be a car wash on Saturday, March 16th. Plan to bring your dirty car!

Middle Highs will have a pool party on Saturday, March 9th, at 4:30 p.m. We'll follow our trip to the Y with a hot dog at Zack's.

SUMMER CAMP BROCHURES are now available in the narthex for those who wish to know the full schedule of Southern Conference Camps at Johns River Valley and Franklinton Center. Camps are offered for rising third graders up through senior highs. Church Scholarships are available for those who wish to attend camp.

NEW CHURCH START UNDER WAY IN HILLSBOROUGH

We recently received a letter from Rollin Russell, our Conference Minister, which contained both encouraging news and a novel approach to a problem. We quote from it:

"As you know, we have several new church starts in the Southern Conference. A sluggish economy and escalating construction costs are making it difficult for these new churches to construct their first units.

"Hillsborough UCC, now meeting in Mebane which is ten miles from the members' homes and from the community the church serves, has purchased land in Hillsborough with a loan from the Board for Homeland Ministries. Realizing its growth and effectiveness in ministry and local missions depend upon being established in the community it hopes to reach, the church has developed plans to construct a simple, 4,000 square foot multi-purpose building on its new property in Hillsborough." (We might add that this property is in the area between I-40 and I-85, a prime location.)

"In order to complete this building before fall of 1991, the church is seeking volunteer skilled labor from area UCC churches located within a 50-mile radius of Hillsborough. Enclosed is a construction schedule and a description of the kind of skills needed each week...

"If this volunteer concept (which is also the concept used by Habitat for Humanity) proves successful with the Hillsborough church, it could serve as a model for other new church starts and would enable new churches to establish their identity, mission, and ministry more quickly. We hope you will prayerfully consider this request from Hillsborough and that your people will see this as a viable new approach to spreading the Gospel. See you on the work site!"

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College Chaplain Richard McBride, who is an Associate member of our congregation, and his wife Wendy have their membership in the Hillsborough Church. They would be delighted to have some assistance from their friends here in this project. Though the letter says "skilled labor" the volunteer sign-up form has three categories: "A crew leader," "a skilled helper", and "a helper's helper." Friday and Saturday workdays begin April 5-6 and go into May, and midweek help would also be appreciated. Copies of the work schedule and volunteer sign-up form will be available in the Narthex and the Church Office.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT GENERAL SYNOD

From June 26th to July 3rd our Southern Conference will need help from volunteers all over the conference who can be in Norfolk to help host the Eighteenth General Synod of the United Church of Christ, which meets from the 27th to the 2nd. Dormitory accommodations will be available for those who cannot provide their own housing. The meeting will be held in the Norfolk Scope Convention Center. Volunteers can sign up for specific days and blocks of time on a form available in our Church Office.

Some of the volunteer jobs include: host/hostess in hospitality room, or at the information booth; work at the reception desk; ushering during worship services; floor steward during plenary sessions, roving guide; assisting with childcare activities; as RN/LPN, with wheel chairs; physical labor setting up and taking down worship space; sign making; office equipment operator--copier, litho, etc. secretarial duties (indicating computer program capability) singing in a massed choir; providing transportation.)

General Synod is an exciting event and here's a chance to make a contribution to our Conference's opportunity to host one.

FINAL CENTENNIAL DATES APPROACHING

Our Centennial Year will climax with two big events on the first two Sundays of April.

On April 7th, the first Sunday after Easter, we will meet at Whitley Auditorium on the campus at 10:30 a.m. for a brief service. This is "Dress-Up Sunday" and anyone who dresses in clothing from past eras will be entitled to ride in the Antique Car Parade from Whitley over to the church (the rest of us will walk over) sanctuary for the remainder of the worship service. The Centennial Committee, with Earl Parker's assistance, has arranged for a number of classic cars to be present for the parade. Dr. Bill Andes, our Pastor Emeritus, will be preaching that day. After worship, and a chance to examine these antique autos more closely, there will be a dinner in the upstairs part of McEwen Dining Hall on the campus. Information on reservations and cost will be in the next TORCH. We want to treat the drivers of these antique cars and their spouses as our guests for the meal so you will be hearing about a plan to raise the money for that.

The following Sunday, April 14th, the President of the United Church of Christ, Dr. Paul Sherry, will preach at our final Centennial celebration. Be sure to mark these dates on your calendar.

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HISTORICAL REMINISCENCE FROM A FORMER D.R.E.

1947-48 seems like a long time ago and my memory of those days has many gaps in it.

I came to Elon as Religious Education Director for the Elon College Community Church in the summer of 1947. Dr. Jesse Dollar was the pastor of the church and his office was on the second floor of the Mooney Building on the campus. My office was adjacent to his and Elizabeth Jernigan (now Mrs. Fred Register) was the typing secretary. Betty Chicoine was the secretary in the Southern Convention Offices which were in the Carlton Library Building. She was a good friend to me and I remember her as an active and interesting person. Her desk was always piled high with pamphlets, letters, etc., but I never knew anyone to ask for anything that she was not able to put her hands on immediately.

The lot for the new church was chosen while I was at Elon but the building was not planned until after I left. Sunday School classes were held in the religious education classrooms on the third floor of the Mooney Building. I helped Dr. Dollar take a religious census of the community to ascertain the needs of the non-academic community. Some days I walked from three to five miles taking the census. I enjoyed this as it was more active than most of my work.

Elon had a "flu" epidemic during the winter and Dr. Dollar and Professor Barney were very sick.

I lived with Lila Newman and loved being at Elon. Lil went into her attic to take care of a leak in her roof. Sh and a pail of water fell through the ceiling into her livin room. Luckily she was not hurt.

Cars with automatic gear shifts were new at this time. I had never driven one and when she borrowed the car of her brother, Dr. Joe Newman, for me to drive her to Chapel Hill I found it very hard to keep from putting my foot "on the clutch."

Although my work was interesting, I missed teaching school and found it hard to adjust to the irregular hours and duties. I left at the end of the year to return to public school teaching.

- Mary Walker Sparks

ELON COLLEGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL invites you to share your love by joining our GREAT volunteer program! A love for the future of our community, our world, and especially for our children are the only necessary qualifications.

You can volunteer to:
-Read to a Child
-Be a "big brother/big sister"
-Cut out items for bulletin boards
-Assist the librarian
-Answer the telephone in the office
-Tell stories
-Check papers
-Chaperone on field trips
-Share a hobby/collection/interest/job/craft/experience
-Spend time with a child who needs EXTRA LOVE and ATTENTION
-Be a tutor
-Be a lunch companion
-Run off papers
-Help children select library books
-Volunteer in the health room
-Help a child with reading/handwriting
-Help with an art project
-Help a child make a book

Any amount of time you can spare would be greatly appreciated!

For more information on what YOU can do to make a difference in a child's day, please contact Buck Henderson or Priscilla Starling at 584-5774 or 584-8745. THANK YOU!!!!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
DURING THE 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

	Greeters	Flowers
Mar. 3	Fran and Harvey Hook	The Foster-Dodson Famil
10	Mrs. Florance Smith and Mrs. Goldie Smith	Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Oxfo
17	Venita and George Edwards	Mr. and Mrs. Walter Boy
24	Kay and Brent Hensley	The Kittenger Family
31	Virginia and Warren Jeffreys	The Atkinson Family

Ushers

Mar. 3	Mike Mayse, Earl Parker, John Hemphill, Lohr Dixon, Dee Atkin Don Williamson
10	Steve Perry, Brian Rose, Robin Woody, Rob Woody, Floyd Rich
17	Ken Harper, Louis Wilkins, Beth Wilkins, John Hemphill, Chris Vickers
24	Macon Albertson, Brian Harper, Ryan Harris, Gayland Welborn, Cile Welborn, George Troxler.
31	Ed Simons, Jeff Wilkins, Walter Boyd, Jim Lyon

Nursery

Mar. 3	Marie Wilkins
10	Sue Brown
17	Lou Harper
24	Jackie Pendergrass
31	Janet Mayse

Child Care During Worship

Mar. 3	Louis Wilkins and Brian Harper
10	Jane McLelland and Ryan Harris
17	Sue Brown and Christy Rich
24	Lou Harper and Brian Rose
31	Ann Acquilano and Rob Woody

Church Attendance for February

3 - 152	17 - 126
10 - 257	24 - 180

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LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP

March 17th. Fifth Sunday in Lent. 11 a.m.

Dr. Irvine will preach on "When Worship Bottoms Out" from Psalm 51 (especially verses 16 and 17). Hymns will include "Lord Christ, When First Thou Cam'st to Earth," "Savior, Thy Dying Love," and "O For a Heart To Praise My God."

Saturday, March 23rd. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A Silent Retreat to prepare for Holy Week will be led by our pastors at the church. See story elsewhere in this issue.

March 24th. Palm / Passion Sunday. 11 a.m.

We will have a special Passion service (as we did several years ago) involving the retelling of the Holy Wee story in which the congregation takes various parts along with several readers. Three sacred dancers and a drummer will take part also. Hymns will be "All Glory, Laud, and Honor," "Go to Dark Gethsemane," and "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me."

March 28th. Maundy Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed at this traditional Holy Week service. A Tenebrae service will also be observed, commemorating the darkening shadows upon the life of our Lord in the last hours of his life.

March 31st. Easter Sunday, 11 a.m.

All our choirs will make joyful music on this festiva day. Dr. Irvine's Easter message will be entitled "Blindisded by Grace" and the Scripture will be Mark 16:1- Hymns will include "Christ the Lord is Risen Today," "The Day of Resurrection," and "Lift Up Your Hearts, Ye People.

FROM THE CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Please mark your calendars for our two Centennial Sundays!

APRIL 7TH.

This is our historical Sunday and it begins at 10:30 a.m. at Whitley Auditorium on the Elon College Campus, where the church had worshipped between 1924 and 1959, when our present sanctuary was finished.

There will be a very short service--some fifteen minutes--to recall our days at Whitley. You are all encouraged to dress in period clothes to help us recall that era. At the end of this service, we will go to the Whitley parking lot where there will be some ten to twelve old automobiles very kindly supplied by the Burlington Antique Auto Club. These cars will be waiting for us provided that it is not raining (the cars are so valuable that their owners will not allow them to be out in bad weather). Those who have taken the trouble to dress in clothing from an earlier day will be given priority and given a ride in the old cars to the Church. Others will be taken if we have room. The service will reconvene in our sanctuary about 11:00 a.m.

Following this service, we will have a coffee hour on the front lawn. You may socialize and look at the cars and probably get the owners to answer some questions. This will last about twenty minutes, and then we will go across the street to the College dining hall where we will have Sunday dinner. We hope you will come to this and that the children in the church will come also. The cost of the meal is $5.00 and we must call in a final registration number to the college by noon on Monday, April 1st. Please make your reservation by notifying the church office (584-0391). You may call at any time and leave a message on the church's answering device. The dinner will conclude our activities that day.

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FROM THE CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE (concluded)

April 14th. CENTENNIAL SUNDAY.

This day will climax our year-long Centennial celebration. Dr. Paul Sherry, President of the United Church of Christ, will come from UCC Headquarters in Cleveland to bring us greetings from our denomination and preach. We are honored to have him come for this happy occasion. All our choirs will be participating in this joyous service.

The festivities will begin with an 8:30 a.m. breakfast in our Parish House--the first event to be held there after completion of its renovation. After breakfast Dr. Sherry will share with us informally and answer questions. Child care will be provided after the meal until the church schoo classes for children begin at the normal 9:45 hour. Adult classes will be coalesced into the discussion time with Dr. Sherry. Please call the church office (584-0391) to reserv your or your family's places at the breakfast by Monday, April 8th.

A SPIRITUAL PREPARATION FOR HOLY WEEK

On the Saturday before Holy Week begins, March 23rd, a Silent Retreat will be held between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the church. Dr. Irvine and Rev. Lyon will lead participants through various opportunities for individual prayer and reflection. There will be times for Bible reading, guided meditation, reading of selected other materials, a simple lunch, and a concluding communion service.

If you would like to participate please call the churc office (584-0391) by March 21st. This will be a gentle way to prepare for more fully entering into the memory of our Lord's life's climax during Holy Week.

ELON HOMES FOR CHILDREN

CORDIALLY INVITES

YOUR CHURCH MEMBERSHIP TO SHARE

TWO SPECIAL EVENTS AT

ELON HOMES FOR CHILDREN

ELON COLLEGE, NC

DAY CARE CENTER GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 1991

3:00 PM

AND

APPRECIATION RECEPTION

HONORING

DR. WILLIAM J. ANDES

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 1991

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

THE UNUSED BULLETIN'S LAMENT

One of our ushers, cleaning up after a Sunday worship service, found a pile of unused Sunday builletins. He was astonished to hear a small, soft voice--like a child weeping--coming from the pile of bulletins. He was deeply moved by what he heard this bulletin saying:

"No one wanted me. I was dressed up in my most appealing garb, richly colored, folded, ready for the hand of a worshipper. Many had worked hard to make me ready for this great day. The ministers had pondered over what words to put in me. The musician had carefully selected wonderfu music. The secretary had labored with machinery and her ow hands to produce me. The ushers came and swooped me up, ready to greet the worshippers with a word of welcome and a program for the worship. I was the best that I could be.

"But no one wanted me! I was never given out, never used. I am on my way to the wastebasket. A bulletin has only one day, one moment to be used in the service of God. If I am not utilized by 12:15 I am history.

"What went wrong? Where was the person I was intended for? They did not come that day; I was wasted. I was there, ready and helpful. Where was the worshipper who needed me?"

YETS IS HOLDING A CAR CAR WASH SATURDAY, MARCH 16 FROM 10 - 2. DONATIONS ARE ACCEPTED. BRING US YOUR DIRTY CARS! PROCEEDS SUPPORT OUR WORK CAMP THIS JUNE.

MIDDLE HIGHS will meet Sunday, March 17 at 3:30 p.m. in the Youth Room. We will be making health kits for Church World Services. Each person should bring: 1 hand towel, 1 wash cloth, 1 bar of soap, 1 comb, 1 tooth brush, tube of tooth paste and 6 bandaids.

ATTENTION CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS

A special program will take place during part of the Church School hour on Sunday, April 7. It will begin at 10:30 a.m. in Whitley Auditorium on the Elon College campus. Please plan to end your class that day at approximately 10:15 a.m. so that everyone will have time to travel to Whitley for the program. Thank you.

Al Carpenter

APRIL 26-27 FRANKLINTON CENTER
MAY 3-4 BLOWING ROCK ASSEMBLY GROUNDS

FEATURED SPEAKERS: At Franklinton Center - Ms. Bernice Powell
Executive Associate
to the UCC President
Cleveland

At Blowing Rock - Rev. Thomas Carson
Secretary for Education in the
Parish Community, UCBHM
Seattle

Friday Evening beginning at 7:00 (dinner optional)
through
Saturday midafternoon (Saturday breakfast & lunch are provided with overnight accomodations; rates on the enclosed flyer/registration)

Seminars on Saturday will be offered twice: morning and afternoon. Each participant can therefore attend two different seminars. Titles of seminars are found on the registration sheet. Accomodations are assigned on a first come basis. ADVANCED REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ACCOMMODATIONS.

CHURCHES ARE ENCOURAGED TO SEND PARTICIPANTS WITH INTERESTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE FULL RANGE OF SUBJECTS BEING COVERED AT THIS EVENT.

THE NEW IDEAS REGISTRATION FORM

Please register me for the IDEAS event checked. I am enclosing full payment based on the choices I make below.

Church Name: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____ State _____ Zip _____

☐ **Franklinton Center April 26-27**

☐ Overnight & 2 meals Saturday ($17.00) $_____

☐ Saturday lunch only, no overnight ($5.00) _____

☐ Friday Evening dinner ($5.00) _____

Program fee $5.00

Total enclosed _____

☐ **Blowing Rock, May 3-4**

☐ Overnight & 2 meals, Corriher Lodge ($30 2/room) $_____

☐ Calvin Cottage ($27 3/rm) _____

☐ Youth Center ($21 3/rm) _____

☐ Friday evening dinner ($5.00) _____

☐ Saturday lunch, no overnight ($4.00) _____

Program Fee $5.00

Total enclosed $_____

Please make checks payable to Southern Conference and mail to S. C. IDEAS, P. O. Box 658, Graham, NC 27253 **at least two weeks prior to the event you plan to attend.** Make additional copies of this form as needed; only one person per form please. An extended package is available for Blowing Rock Assembly Grounds; information is included in material being sent to pastors and other church leaders.

April 26-27 Franklinton Center
May 3-4 Blowing Rock Assembly Grounds

The New IDEAS events are being planned to provide several ıds of input to meet the needs of several kinds of local church ɔgrams and emphases. Each IDEAS will begin after dinner iday evening and close mid-afternoon Saturday. One of the ecial attractions of these events is the sound stewardship they present: a church can send several people with different terests to the same place at the same time for exposure to new eas and program possibilities they can use back home. It is also ellowship time when we can get to know folks from other parts the Conference and share concerns and successes. Church omen of the Southern Conference and each Conference com-ission will present seminars twice on Saturday; both seminars ll be identical so participants can choose two seminars to visit. minar titles will be:

Black Church Development
The Ministry of the Whole Church

Christian Education
The Life of the Church & Human Sexuality

Church Life & Leadership
Empowering the Laity for Ministry

Evangelism
Evangelism in the '90s

Christian Social Ministries
Opening Eyes: A New Vision of Christian Social Analysis

Stewardship
The Spiritual Challenge of Personal Stewardship

Church Women
Women: Empowered & Blessed

COME AND BRING A CARLOAD!

BLOWING ROCK ASSEMBLY GROUNDS
PACKAGE RATES FOR IDEAS WEEKEND

If you wish, you can spend the IDEAS weekend at Blowing Rock Assembly Grounds for an additional charge. The rates for six meals (Friday Dinner through Sunday Lunch) and two overnights are given below for the different kinds of accommodations.

The IDEAS event beginsafter dinner Friday and concludes before dinner Saturday; by taking advantage of this package guests will receive four additional meals and one additional overnight.

Please indicate on the form below which accommodations you want and include full payment for the weekend with the completed form; return it to: IDEAS EVENT, Southern Conference, P. O. Office Box 658, Graham, NC 27253. Accommodations will be assigned on a first come basis.

SPECIAL WEEKEND PACKAGE, IDEAS EVENT
Blowing Rock Assembly Grounds

I (we) would like to stay for the weekend and the enclosed check (made out to The Southern Conference) covers the meals and accommodations chosen below. Six meals and two overnights are included in the rate, as is the program fee for attending the IDEAS event.

Corriher Lodge: $63 per person. (2/room)
Calvin Cottage: $45 per person (2/room)
Youth Center: $46 per person (3/room)

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Local Church: _____

HISTORICAL RECOLLECTION FROM WINIFRED BARNEY

My parents, Prof. and Mrs. John Willis Barney, Sr., were members of the church during his schooling at Elon from 1906 to 1910 and then again starting in 1924-25 and for the rest of their lives. Mama was church treasurer for a number of years when she had to contact by visiting all members of the church. Also she substituted as organist and wrote a solo, "The Cross at Twilight," and several anthems which were used in the church. Papa was the son of a Christian minister and his mother did some preaching too. He taught English and Literature at Elon College from 1924 almost until his death in 1960. His funeral was the first in the new church, July 8, 1960, and my brother Harold's was the third, in December 1960.

Papa also taught the Adult Sunday School for most of the time during the years he taught at Elon.

My sister Helen Smith helped with the choir before we had a regular choir director and I helped some when the Parish House was compelted....My brother John (Gertrude Liscum's first husband) was church treasurer before he became ill with leukemia...Also, my older brother Harold helped install the Skinner organ in Whitley Auditorium and, until his death, tuned the organ every year for the college and acted as organist at times. One Commencement morning (1940) something went wrong with the organ (I believe it was something about the vibrato) and Harold with his wife Sara and baby John Charles were visiting in Sara's home with her father, Mr. C. D. Johnston, and someone had to call Harold to fix the organ before the Sunday service, which he did.

(We thank Winifred Barney for sharing these recollections. She now lives in Winston-Salem.)

FUN CLUB MEETING

MAR. 19 10 AM PARISH LOT

COME JOIN US

FOR A

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IN

HAW RIVER

SEE THE PRODUCTION OF BLOW-MOLDED BOTTLES OF ALL SHAPES & SIZES!

LUNCH AT BAKATSIAS

BRING A FRIEND

FUN - FUN - FUN!

TORCHGLEAMS

We were saddened by the death of Dr. William Sloan, faithful member of our church, on Sunday, March 3rd, in the early afternoon. Dr. Earl Danieley was with him when he slipped away gently into the Church Triumphant from his hospital bed at Alamance Memorial Hospital, where he had been very ill for several days. A memorial service will be held March 14th. Bill is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Helen Wilson of Sun City Center, FL, and Mrs. Betty Detrow of Wooster, OH. His foster sons, the Revs. John Ling and Doug Albert, will come for the service...

Andre Wilkins will be discharged from the Navy late this month; he is back Stateside. His brother **Charles** when last heard from by parents **Louis and Beth Wilkins** was in Saudi Arabia and on his way next day to Kuwait City. Continue to pray for his safety, and write him a letter: 2nd Lt. Charles L. Wilkins / P. O. Box 447 / Administrative Support Unit / Bahrain, AFVH / FPO, New York, NY 05926-2800. 1st Lt. **Tom Camacho** is still at Fort Hood, TX, with his Apache helicopter unit, but there is a good possibility he will not have to go overseas and may be able to come home by April 15th!...

Our sympathy to **Fran and Harvey Hook** in the death on March 2nd of Fran's sister-in-law, Mrs. Preddy Hayes of Norlina...and to **Phyllis Young** in the death of her older brother, Marion Johnson of Johnston County, in Rex Hospital in Raleigh on March 12th. He had been ill with brain cancer since December...

Alfred and Ruth Hurst have recovered enough from their recent hospitalizations that they are able to fly to California for their grandson's wedding, which will be on March 23rd; they expect to return in time for the Centennial celebrations. Their son Jim, who has been with them for many weeks now, will be glad to see his home and California family again...

ADDITIONAL HANDBELLS TO BE PURCHASED

At the request of our Music Director, Mrs. Betty Walker, and the Board of Deacons, the Board of Trustees has voted to purchase from Memorial Funds an additional set of handbells. Several people would like to play with our handbell choir who presently cannot, and this addition will accommodate them. This set of will increase our handbell total from 37 to 49, four full octaves plus one: from two Gs below middle C to 3 Gs above. At some future time we ca expand the set to its fullest extent, a full octave both higher and lower.

The cost will be just under $1,700.00. If anyone woul like to contribute a memorial toward this cause at this time, it would be gratefully received.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

During our first year here, Nancy Lu and I invited the members of the congregation to the parsonage in groups for get-acquainted session. We would like to do that again thi year. We would enjoy discussing with you where the church is now and where it could be headed in the next few years, discuss any questions you may have, and provide opportunity for all of us to share our hopes for our common ministry.

We found that doing 12 of these in a fairly brief time was a little much. So this year we are going to spread the out over a longer period, at the rate of about one a month for six sessions. Our twelve deacons are dividing the congregation up into equal sections, and two deacons at a time will be calling their lists to invite those members. If you cannot make the group meeting when you are first called, you will have subsequent opportunities (unless you are in the final two groups to be called).

Deacons calling for the first group meeting, set for 7:30 on Tuesday, April 2, are Marie Wilkins and Clair Myer The meetings will last an hour to an hour and a quarter. We look forward to seeing you in our home.

MARCH CALENDAR

13	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
	4:30 p.m.	Wonderful Wednesdays
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
14	7:00 p.m.	Board of Deacons
16	10 - 2	YETS Car Wash
17	9:45 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	3:30 p.m.	Middle Highs
	4:30 p.m.	Church Council
	5:30 p.m.	Discover Fellowship
	7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
18	6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
19	10:30 a.m.	Fun Club
	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
20	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
	4:30 p.m.	Wonderful Wednesdays
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
21	7:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees
22	7:00 p.m.	New Adult Sunday School Class Pizza Party
23	10 - 2	Silent Retreat
24	9:45 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
25	10:30 a.m.	Prayer Group
	6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
26	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
27	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
	4:30 p.m.	Wonderful Wednesdays
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
28	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Communion Service
	8:00 p.m.	Board of Missions
31	9:45 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR PERIOD ENDING
Jan 31 1991

	1990 ACTUAL	1991 BUDGET	BUDGET TO DATE	ACTU TO DA
SOURCES OF INCOME				
Total Pledged Income	114,633.12	123,075.00	9,846.00	7,605.
Total Special Contributions	7,429.28	7,425.00	172.50	606.
Total Loose Offerings	3,179.98	3,149.00	251.92	224.
Total Interest Earned	1,175.19	1,097.00	0.00	0.
Total Fund Raising	301.01	577.00	0.00	0.
Total Rental Income	3,442.10	3,082.00	182.56	110.
Total Miscellaneous Receipts	2,431.59	1,800.00	109.20	0.
TOTAL REVENUE	132,592.27	140,205.00	10,562.18	8,546.
EXPENDITURES				
Total Local Mission	4,848.89	4,875.00	108.00	939.
Total UCC Ministries	14,705.25	13,425.00	999.00	1,050.
Total World Ministries	2,258.38	2,350.00	0.00	0.
Total Other Mission Expense	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.
TOTAL MISSIONS	21,812.52	20,750.00	1,107.00	1,989.
Total Worship Services	1,108.46	1,225.00	0.00	127.
Total Evangelism	613.51	1,200.00	20.00	190.
Total Music Programs	9,311.85	11,528.00	762.24	666.
TOTAL WORSHIP AND EVANGELISM	11,033.82	13,953.00	782.24	984.
Total Program - Christian Ed.	2,964.19	5,725.00	210.00	406.
Total Personnel - Christian Ed.	11,042.08	11,765.00	861.20	743.
TOTAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	14,006.27	17,490.00	1,071.20	1,149.
Total Building Expense	26,943.18	28,520.00	4,810.00	2,915.
Total Personnel	6,692.90	6,567.00	525.36	393.
Total Operating Expense	1,958.21	2,160.00	144.00	76.
TOTAL CHURCH FACILITIES	35,594.29	37,247.00	5,479.36	3,385.
Total Program	316.67	340.00	0.00	0.
Total Personnel	48,418.40	49,564.00	3,191.36	2,452.
Total Operating Expense	0.00	350.00	0.00	0.
TOTAL LEADERSHIP	48,735.07	50,254.00	3,191.36	2,452.
TOTAL OTHER	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.
TOTAL EXPENSE	131,181.97	139,694.00	11,631.16	9,962.
EXCESS/(DEF) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSE	1,410.30	511.00	(1,068.98)	(1,415.

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SECOND CENTURY FUND
1991

Overall Goal $124,926

Pledged to Date $54,210

Need to Raise $70,716

Bring your pledge Sunday, March 31

Let's complete the campaign and celebrate the
Campaign victory on
Centennial Sunday, April 14

SECOND CENTURY FUND

Celebrating a Proud History and Planning for a Promising Future

Parish House Improvements

Refurbishing the Sanctuary

Repaint interior walls, ceiling, and pews
New carpet and pew cushions for sanctuary
Painting in lower level of sanctuary
New carpets for church offices

Extending Our Ministry

Church Council—long range planning
Board of Missions—health care and housing
Board of Christian Education—enriched programs
Board of Deacons—evangelism and children's choir robes

The plans and programs merit our support. Let's move into our second century with faith, dedication and enthusiasm.

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LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION

ATTENTION! REMEMBER DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS THE NIGHT BEFORE SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH! TURN YOUR CLOCK FORWARD!

April 7. 10:30 a.m. new time

This special service begins at Whitley Auditorium thirty minutes ahead of our normal worship hour. Dress in clothing from an earlier era for this Sunday of historical remembrance. Sunday School will end at 10:15.

After a brief service at Whitley, we will process (some of us in a cavalcade of antique automobiles) to the church. At both places worship materials will be used which were involved at the time of the original move across the street in 1959. The service will recommence about 11 a.m.

Dr. William Andes, our Pastor Emeritus, will be preaching on "Known as Christians, Simply" from Acts 11:19-26. Hymns will include (at Whitley) "We're Marching to Zion," "God of Our Life, Through All the Circling Years," and (at the sanctuary) "Forward Through the Ages," "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation," and "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord."

Following this service, weather permitting, we will have refreshments on the front lawn. This will last about twenty minutes, and then we will go across the street to the downstairs floor of McEwen Dining Hall at the College for a congregational dinner.

April 14. 11 a.m. CENTENNIAL SUNDAY

This day will climax our year-long Centennial celebration. Dr. Paul Sherry, President of the United Church of Christ, will be the guest preacher on this historic occasion. Rollin Russell, our Conference Minister, and Gordon Rankin, an associate member of our church and a senior at Andover-Newton Theological Seminary, will also be participating in the leadership of worship. All our choirs will be participating. Hymns will include "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" and "God of Grace and God of Glory."

The day will begin with an 8:30 a.m. breakfast in our Parish House--the first event to be held there after completion of its renovation. After breakfast Dr. Sherry will share with us informally and answer questions. Child care will be provided after the meal until the church school classes for children begin at the normal 9:45 hour. Adult classes will not meet separately because of the discussion time with Dr. Sherry. Please call the church office (584-0391) to reserve your or your family's places at the breakfast by Monday, April 8th.

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TORCHGLEAMS

Sara Dodson's 19-year-old grandson, Geoff Hamm of Hillsborough, enlsited in the U. S. Navy for 2 years and left March 3rd for basic training in San Diego. He hopes to get into air traffic control...

Earl Danieley spoke to the Pioneers, the group of retired AT&T workers, at the AT&T Guilford Center on March 21st. His subject was "The Supreme Court from the Viewpoint of a Layman." About fifty people were present for his talk...

Our chancel was decorated with special loveliness for Palm Sunday and Maundy Thursday services. We thank John Walker of Walker Dance Ballet Theater for his imaginative arrangement of black and maroon cloth and arrangement of dried palm leaves with its suggestion of both a cross and a burst of glory...

Renovations on our Parish House will be finished about April 3rd. Now we will need lots of volunteer help to clean the chairs, tables, and kitchen equipment, and get everything in place for the start of a new era in the life of this sturdy building. Those who first erected it at Camp Davis years ago would be amazed to see what it has become! Formal thanks will be given later to all who have helped, but here let us recognize those church members who have given major pieces of time time to the work: **Bill Andes, Biff Brafford, Harvey Hook, Kathleen Lankford, and Hilda and Ralph Oxford...**

Bertie Fields is recovering after surgery on her shoulder at Wesley Long Hospital in Greensboro March 25th...**Alfred and Ruth Hurst** expect to fly back home from a stay of several weeks in California on April 4th, in order to be here for the Centennial celebrations...

SECOND CENTURY FUND CAMPAIGN PROGRESS

Our Second Century Fund Campaign is well underway. However, we have a LONG
Y TO GO. We have now received 44 pledges for a total of $69,485. Here is a
eakdown of the pledges:

THREE YEAR PLEDGES

Amount	No.of Pledges
$12,000	2
9,000	1
3,000	2
2,790	1
2,500	1
2,400	1
1,800	2
1,500	3
1,000	3
900	4
800	1
780	1
720	1
500	2
450	1
360	3
300	5
150	1
120	1

ONE YEAR PLEDGES

$300	3
200	1
120	1
100	2
75	1

TAL PLEDGES RECEIVED: 44; TOTAL AMOUNT PLEDGED: $69,485
OVERALL GOAL: $124,926

We need your pledge to help us to reach this important goal in the life of
r church. Working together, we can take this important step into the second
ntury of the life of our church. Thank you for your help.

Wally Snyder, Chairman
Second Century Fund Committee

FUN CLUB

Old Mill of Guilford

TUESDAY APRIL 16, 1991

The Old Mill of Guilford is a partially restored old grist mi with a huge steel overshot water wheel. They grind corn mea and whole grain flours which are for sale at the mill. They als use these stone-ground flours as ingredients of the mixs the sell. Sweet Potato Muffins are great, but the Scotch Sho Bread or Buckwheat Pancakes might be your favorite. Cooke samples may be available. The mill is a few miles north of th Greensboro Airport on route 68.

We will have lunch at the Old Hole in The Wall restaurant. This is a good Southern style restaurant where ample lunches are reasonable in price. Daily specials are $4.10. A full lunch with beverage,tax and tip is less than $6.00. Sandwiches are less; Angus steaks are more.

THE OLD HOLE IN THE WALL RESTAURANT

Meet at church at 9:30 for car pool or van ride to the mill.

APRIL CALENDAR

1 -	10:30 a.m.	Circle 1
	6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
	7:30 p.m.	Circle 2
2 -	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
	7:30 p.m.	Circle 3
3 -	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
4 -	7:00 p.m.	Second Century Committee
7 -	9:45 a.m.	Church School
	10:30 a.m.	Meet at Whitley Auditorium on Elon Campus
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	12:00 noon	Luncheon at McEwen Dining Hall
	2:30 p.m.	Staff Meeting
	3:30 p.m.	YETS
	6:00 p.m.	Discover Fellowship
	7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
8 -	10:30 a.m.	Prayer Group
	6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
9 -	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
10 -	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
	4:30 p.m.	Wonderful Wednesdays
	6:30 p.m.	Scout Committee
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
11 -	7:30 p.m.	Board of Deacons
14 -	8:30 a.m.	Centennial Breakfast in Parish House
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
15 -	6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
16 -	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts

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APRIL CALENDAR - continued -

17 - 9:00 a.m. Mother's Morning Out
4:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesdays
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

18 - 7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees

19-21 Discover Fellowship Camping Trip
Hanging Rock State Park

21 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
7:00 p.m. Handbell Choir

22 - 10:30 a.m. Prayer Group
6:30 p.m. Brownie Scouts

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1 - Doris Brafford

2 - George Troxler
Chris Bunting
Scott White

3 - Willard White

5 - Claire Welborn

7 - Robert L. Smith

8 - Beth Wilkins
Charles Liscum

9 - Kristin Wilkins
Judy Loy

10 - Sheree Pedigo

11 - Sam Shomaker

15 - William B. Terrell
Fred Walter

16 - Mona Atkinson
Susan Barney

17 - Linda Walter
Lexa Lohr-Myers

18 - William G. Long

19 - Robert Kittenger
Wilma Williamson

24 - Joe McLelland

27 - Jim Brown

30 - George Noah
Walstein W. Snyder

Clowning around

YOUTH NEWS

The YETS Group will have an important planning meeting o April 7th at 3:30 p.m. in th Youth Room. The trip is onl two months away. Please pla to be there.

Middle Highs please turn in registrations for our retrea to the mountains May 3-5. W must get our deposit in to Blowing Rock Assembly Ground

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HOSPICE LEAGUE OF
ALAMANCE-CASWELL

announces plans for our gigantic

SECOND ANNUAL SUPER FLEA.....

on August 2 and 3

Time to clean out your attic and garage and give us a call for pick-up. Donations of clean, salable,workable items needed. Please clean clothes and size.

584-6746 570-5200

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All proceeds from this sale will benefit our efforts to build a hospice care facility in our area.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
DURING THE 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

Greeters

April 7	Bill and Betty Blanchard
14	Stan and Estelle Willard
21	Walter and Mary Louise Boyd
28	Earl and Elizabeth Parker

Flowers

	Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gabriel
	Misses Edith and Madge Bra
	Mr. and Mrs. Jim Underhill
	Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Alexan

Ushers

April 7	Mike Mayse, Earl Parker, John Hemphill, Lohr Dixon, Dee Atkinson, Don Williamson
14	Steve Perry, Brian Rose, Martin Rose, Robin Woody, Rob Woody, Floyd Rich.
21	Ken Harper, Louis Wilkins, Beth Wilkins, John Hemphill.
28	Macon Albertson, Brian Harper, Ryan Harris, Gayland Welborn, Cile Welborn, George Troxler.

Nursery

April 7	Heidi Danieley
14	Cile Welborn
21	Jimma Causey
28	Wilma Williamson

Child Care During Worship

April 7	Carolyn Messick and Katie Brown
14	Kim or Steve Perry and Jamie Brown
21	Maxine Rich and Brian Harper
28	Cile Welborn and Ryan Harris

Church Attendance for March

7 - 148	24 - 184
10 - 150	31 - 246
17 - 152	Manundy Thursday - 36

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THE MAY FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON of Church Women United will be on May 3, 1991 at 12 noon at First Reformed UCC. Tickets will be $3.50. Anyone who wishes to attend please contact Marie Wilkins by Monday, April 22. The speaker will be Mrs. James Johnson of Mebane who represents the N.C. Counc of United Methodist Women. The program will be "Journey Toward Jubilee".

TORCHGLEAMS

What a marvelous time we had celebrating our Centennial! Many thanks to our Centennial Committee, ably chaired by John Ketcham, for all its work. Perfect weather graced our April 7th events with the costumes from yesteryear and the parade of antique cars--wasn't **Earl Parker** spiffy in his touring outfit?--and there are a lot of good photographs of the event coming in to the office to go into our history files; if you have any to add, we'd be grateful. We'll put them on display shortly for all to see...Our Centennial flowerbed stayed in bloom with red and yellow tulips for a bright note on a gray, damp morning for the festivities on the 14th...Another bright note was the joy of being in our newly renovated (and considerably lighter inside) Parish House for a delicious breakfast and a chance to get to know Dr. Paul Sherry, our denomination's president, a leader with a very human touch, before hearing him preach to fine effect later...On the 7th we looked back as Dr. Andes brought us good reminders of our roots, and on the 14th Dr. Sherry pointed us ahead to an exciting second century lying before us...And weren't all three of our choirs making glorious music?...Thanks to all who helped, and there were many, to pull everything together into a joyful climactic Centennial week!

An especially happy note was to have 2nd Lt. **Charles Wilkins** back home from Saudi Arabia just barely in time to make it to the Centennial service...

We're glad to hear that Mrs. **Alma Lynch** came through cataract surgery successfully on April 2nd...Remember in your prayers **Marjorie Long, Annie Ruth Parker,** and **Bryden Manning**...And pray for **Earl and Ann Vickers** as they cope with three parents all of whom are in physical difficulties of various kinds...

AN ENVIRONMENTAL OPPORTUNITY

The Haw River Festival is an all day learning experience for fourth graders provided by volunteers at six sites along a 100 mile stretch of river. The aim is to help children develop a sense of wonder and responsibility for the local river ecology and the environmen in general. The volunteers work with small groups on a variety of interests. Approximately 100 students really "get involved" each eay. The festival will serve several counties, and the site nearest our community is the beautiful pasture and meadowland belonging to Robin Woody's parents near Altamahaw. We can help, by providing meals for the 20 or so volunteers who will be camping and working there May 1-4. Their needs are simple: casseroles, fruit, salads, sandwiches, peanut butter, bread, crackers, etc., but the food need is large. Carole Troxler is coordinating their food supply, so please let her know what you can contribute: 584-2384 (day) 584-9282 (evenings).

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We are so grateful for our Elon College Choral Scholars who add so much to our worship experiences each week. This coming Sunday, April 21, we will be privileged to hear the instrumental expertise of one of these Scholars, Paul Wheeler, as he plays the prelude and offertory on the guitar. Paul, a senior, will be giving his senior recital on Tuesday evening, April 23.

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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY NEWS

Habitat for Humanity of Alamance County and the Elon College Habitat Campus Chapter will be hosts to the 1991 Habitat South Atlantic Regional Meeting on Friday and Saturday. May 3-4. Visitors from Habitat affiliates and campus chapters all over North and South Carolina will attend this event.

At every Regional Meeting the feature event, held on Friday evening, is called a "Habitation," an inspirational worship service to which the public is invited. This Habitation will be held at First Baptist Church in Burlington (corner of Broad and Davis Streets) at 7:30 p.m.

The speaker at this event will be Bob Wilson, who has served as the Director of the Jimmy Carter Work Projects for Habitat for Humanity International since the first one held in Charlotte several years ago. The Elon College Gospel Choir will provide special music for the occasion.

Saturday morning the meeting will move out to Elon College and begin with a continental breakfast in our parish House, followed by a gathering in our sanctuary at 9 a.m. At 10 a.m. workshops will be held in Alamance Building on the campus, followed by a box lunch on the campus and another round of workshops before people head home at 2:30. Dr. Irvine is serving as arrangements chairperson for this event.

You have probably noticed the house being built across from the Fire Station by the College Chapter, our first Habitat house built largely by students. Before long the house will be moved by truck to its foundation located on an attractive lot almost at the southeast end of Durham Street in Burlington. It will be dedicated on Sunday afternoon, May 5th, if all goes well. Meanwhile, groundbreaking ceremonies for another house, to be sponsored by Southern Bell, have taken place on a tract that will house 4 homes on the southwest corner of Fisher and Ireland Streets in Burlington. The Alamance County Affiliate plans to build five houses this year, including these two.

Our Alamance County Commissioners need to know what our elderly citizens and caregivers of the elderly know about local, state and national services to the elderly. Also, they want suggestions of services that could be added or improved. To gather this information seven open forum meetings are planned with one scheduled for our Parish House at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 2, 1991. Our older citizens from this area including St. Mark's, Shallowford, East Gibsonville, and Morgantown areas are invited and urged to attend. Other interested persons are invited.

The Alamance County Planning Committee for services to the elderly has planned these meetings. Representatives from County Agencies will be present to explain and discuss services they provide and to hear comments and suggestions from persons attending. General information about services will be given but specific and individual cases should not be discussed.

The meeting in our Parish House will be the last of seven meetings. Other meetings begin April 17th and will be held throughout the county. If you or anyone you know desires to attend but cannot attend the one in our Parish House, you are urged to contact the church office for dates and places of other meetings. Also, watch for information in newspapers, television, and radio announcements.

E. W. Brafford

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YOUTH NEWS

If you have any old clown costumes in your attic trunk, our middle high youth would like to borrow them. If you have something to contribute, please tell Beth. The Middle High Youth will meet Sunday April 28 at 3:30 p.m. in the youth room to rehearse "The Clown School."

YETS members will be selling dougnuts to be delivered Sunday, April 28th. They are $2.50 per box. On May 4th they will be holding a car wash in the church parking lot.

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ATTENTION PARENTS:

Wonderful Wednesdays is becomming Terrific Thursdays in the Fall of 1991. We are changing the day to avoid conflict with other activities. Please make a note of this important change now so that your child can attend in the fall.

Beth Lyon and Betty Walker

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I SPOKE A WORD

I spoke a word
And no one heard;
I wrote a word
And no one cared
Or seemed to heed.
But after half a score of years
It blossomed in a fragrant deed.
Preachers and teachers all are we,
Sowers of Seed unconsciously.
Our hearers are beyond the ken,
Yet all we give may come again
With usury of joy or pain.
We never know
To what one little word will grow.
See to it, then, that all your deeds
Be such as bring forth noble deeds.

-John Oxenham

THE POETIC FLAME

Dr. John Hemphill teaches a group of children each summer in a poetry workshop. Last summer he had his students read Gerard Manley Hopkins' marvelous poem entitled "Pied Beauty," whose first three lines are,

> Glory be to God for dappled things--
> For skies of couple-color as a brinded cow;
> For rose-moles all in tsipple upon trout that swim;

Then he asked the children to write a poem according to these directions: the first words must be "Glory be to...", use an uncommon word, and combine two words with a hyphen.

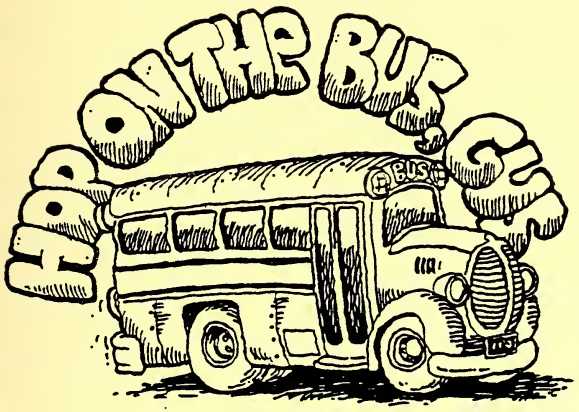
John combined their results and produced this from their work:

Glory be to the Father for essential things--

For the yellow warm sun, bringing the precious
Flowers blooming into many face-like images;
For the sweet smell of roses, and
The worm-eating bird;
For a small apple tree sitting upon a green hill;
For an old creaking porch swing at grandma's house;
For the mightiest things,
Tall mountains and wide rivers, majestic empires
And kings;
For mottled calves and sweet-singing birds;
For the feathered things--
For speckled geese, all in unfaltering file,
For the pageantry peacock and his dazzling feathers,
For city-gray pigeons,
For the potent falcons on hands of leather;
For the smashing-orange sun that warms us all;
For the emerald-green leaves on trees that grow;
For silver-flake snow that decorates the land;
For vermillion-tulips;

For daube leaves on khaki trees under the veil clouds;
For the trees that sing upon the night;
For the angels in heaven,
The birds in the sky;
For the blood-red eyes of an albino ferret;
For the caw of an untamed parrot;
For the color-coated sky;
For the snow-white clouds,
For lady-like petals of flowers so fragile and dainty;
For the summer-snow of dew drops on the grass;
For delicious things--
Cookies and cakes and doughnut rings;
For frosty colored ice cream;
For liberty--a sparkling crystal constellation
Conquering the black of night;
For diaries and the intact secrets they hold,
Untouched and only read by the keeper;
For mother--for kind things--willing to help,
Gentle friend, sympathetic, showing goodness;
For adopted things--
Dimunitive ones and whooping ones;
For those few who really listen to us;
For the poisoned souls who plague us
(Without them we wouldn't know
Good from bad);
For the beautiful multi-colored shoes, as a rainbow;
For the outside-working men
And the house-working mothers.
For giving life to the music man;
For friends and family, faith and hope;
For food and drink, love and joy;
For friends, for peace, for love and heaven.

Glory be to the Father for essential things.



Don't forget the Middle High Retreat to Blowing Rock Assembly Grounds May 3-5. If you haven't registered, but still want to go, please call the church office by Sunday. We'll try to get BRAG to squeeze in a few more.

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CAMPAIGN NEWS

To date, toward our Second Century Fund, we have raised $116,477, which brings us to within 8,449 of our goal of $124,926. If you have not yet turned in your pledge, please send it to the church office. Many thanks!

Our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing--are they complete? Scan this giving record in our church to OGHS:

1984 -	$1,737
1985 -	1,932
1986 -	1,310
1987 -	1,599
1988 -	1,283
1989 -	1,195
1990 -	1,621
1991 -	942

APRIL CALENDAR

17 -	9:00 a.m.	Mothers' Morning Out
	4:30 p.m.	Wonderful Wednesdays
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
18 -	7:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees
19 - 21		Discover Fellowship Camping Trip to Hanging Rock State Park
21 -	9:45 a.m.	Church School
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This will be Youth Sunday. The Young Musicians' Group will present the jazz cantata **100% Chance of Rain.** The Middle High Youth will present a sermon in drama based on Matthew 13:1-9 called **The Clown School.** Fourth graders will be presented bibles.

May 19th. Pentecost.

Wear something red to church to symbolize the flames of the Holy Spirit. New members will be received. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed. Dr. Irvine's meditation will be on "Heaven's Distribution System" from Acts 2:1-21. Hymns will include "Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove," "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine," and "Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me."

TORCHGLEAMS

Congratulations to **John Barbee**, who will graduate from UNCG with a degree in communications on May 12th...
And to **Julia Morris**, who will graduate from Elon College this month and plans to enter graduate school at Appalachian State University in Boone in the fall to study further in mathematics...

Will Pendergrass, son of **Jackie and Bill Pendergrass**, has been in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait for the past three weeks. He is a member of the U.S. Interagency Air Assessment Team, whose current task is to provide an initial assessment of the potential health effects and hazards associated with the Kuwaiti oil well fires. Will is a meteorologist at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric (NOAA) Laboratory in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He is married to Ann Hall, formerly of Burlington, and they have two sons, Bill IV and Logan. Will expects to return home about May 10th...

Despite her serious illness, **Annie Ruth and Tim Parker** took a trip to London and had an enjoyable time; we're so glad! Meanwhile wedding plans proceed for their daughter **Maria's** marriage to **Steve Smith** June 8th...

Our sympathy to **Wes and Jane Alexander** in the death of Wes's sister-in-law last week. She lived near Salisbury...

YETS CAR WASH

SATURDAY, MAY 4th - 1 - 4 p.m.

CHURCH PARKING LOT

MAY CALENDAR

1 - 9:00 a.m. Mother's Morning Out
4:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesdays
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

2 - 10:00 a.m. County Commission on Aging - Parish House
10:00 a.m. Fun Club - Parish House

HABITAT S.E. REGIONAL MEETING
3 - 7:30 p.m. First Baptist Church - Burlington
4 - 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Elon College Community Church

4 - 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. YETS CAR WASH
Middle High Retreat

5 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
6:00 p.m. Discover Fellowship
7:00 p.m. Handbell Choir
7:30 p.m. Board of Christian Education

6 - 6:30 p.m. Ministerium Picnic - Carolina UCC
6:30 p.m. Brownie Scouts

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7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

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9 - 7:30 p.m. Board of Deacons

12 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service - Youth Sunday

4:00 p.m. Inquirer's Class
7:00 p.m. Handbell Choir

13 - 10:30 a.m. Prayer Group
6:30 p.m. Brownie Scouts

13-15 - Pastors' Retreat at Blowing Rock

- continued -

MAY CALENDAR - continued -

14 - 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

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10:30 a.m. Prayer Group
6:30 p.m. Brownie Scouts

28 - 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
7:30 p.m. Evangelism Committee

29 - 9:00 a.m. Mother's Morning Out
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MAY BIRTHDAYS

2 - Wendy Terrell

3 - Earl W. Vickers, Jr.

4 - Nancy Martin
Timothy Marsh McLelland
Carey Andes
Pam Dann
Ashton Oliver

5 - Florance Smith

6 - Robert Shomaker

7 - David Seamster

10 - James Dixon

13 - Mark Albertson

14 - Laurie Pendergrass

15 - Susan Rose

16 - Marion Underhill

17 - Mary Butler
Graham Oxford
John Max Hemphill, Jr.
Gayland Welborn

18 - John Schmidt

19 - Ruth Hurst
Carrie McLelland

20 - Tim Parker

21 - Howard Edgerton

22 - Heidi Danieley
Tyler Holt

26 - Estelle Perry Willard
Gladys Vickers

29 - William P. Smith

31 - Edith Brannock
Kay Hensley
John M. Irvine, Jr.

RIDES NEEDED

We have several seniors in our congregation who are no longer able to drive a car and who sometimes need transportation. If you would be willing to provide an occasional ride for any of these folk, please call the church office (584-0391) during weekday mornings. Roberta Starr, our secretary, is compiling a list of people willing to give rides, and if we have adequate response will be able to find rides as needed for folks who request them. If there is a certain day of the week, time of day, etc. that is convenient (or not convenient), let Roberta know this also, as this will save her unnecessary calls. Thanks!

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR PERIOD ENDING
Mar 31 1991

	1990 ACTUAL	1991 BUDGET	BUDGET TO DATE	ACTUAL TO DATE
JRCES OF INCOME				
Total Pledged Income	114,633.12	123,075.00	31,999.50	29,970.75
Total Special Contributions	7,429.28	7,425.00	1,717.00	3,454.59
Total Loose Offerings	3,179.98	3,149.00	818.74	1,271.78
Total Interest Earned	1,175.19	1,097.00	0.00	68.61
Total Fund Raising	301.01	577.00	0.00	167.50
Total Rental Income	3,442.10	3,082.00	547.68	146.75
Total Miscellaneous Receipts	2,431.59	1,800.00	511.35	0.00
TAL REVENUE	132,592.27	140,205.00	35,594.27	35,079.98
PENDITURES				
Total Local Mission	4,848.89	4,875.00	1,062.00	1,716.32
Total UCC Ministries	14,705.25	13,425.00	3,122.00	3,050.00
Total World Ministries	2,258.38	2,350.00	175.00	0.00
Total Other Mission Expense	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL MISSIONS	21,812.52	20,750.00	4,359.00	4,766.32
Total Worship Services	1,108.46	1,225.00	158.75	140.89
Total Evangelism	613.51	1,200.00	54.00	667.48
Total Music Programs	9,311.85	11,528.00	2,882.00	2,677.15
TOTAL WORSHIP AND EVANGELISM	11,033.82	13,953.00	3,094.75	3,485.52
Total Program - Christian Ed.	2,964.19	5,725.00	1,068.00	1,533.33
Total Personnel - Christian Ed.	11,042.08	11,765.00	2,691.25	2,940.24
TOTAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	14,006.27	17,490.00	3,759.25	4,473.57
Total Building Expense	26,943.18	28,520.00	9,301.00	7,894.64
Total Personnel	6,692.90	6,567.00	1,641.75	1,641.66
Total Operating Expense	1,958.21	2,160.00	450.00	440.60
TOTAL CHURCH FACILITIES	35,594.29	37,247.00	11,392.75	9,976.90
Total Program	316.67	340.00	0.00	0.00
Total Personnel	48,418.40	49,564.00	12,391.00	12,428.31
Total Operating Expense	0.00	350.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL LEADERSHIP	48,735.07	50,254.00	12,391.00	12,428.31
TOTAL OTHER	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
TAL EXPENSE	131,181.97	139,694.00	34,996.75	35,230.62
CESS/(DEF) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSE	1,410.30	511.00	597.52	(150.64)

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
DURING THE 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

	Greeters	Flowers
May 5	Monty and Jimma Causey	Mrs. Lois Bost
12	Mike and Janet Mayse	Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Dixon
19	Bill and Betty Blanchard	Mrs. Ann Reynolds
26	Don and Wilma Williamson	Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Butler

Ushers

May 5 Mike Mayse, Earl Parker, John Hemphill, Lohr Dixon, Dee Atkinson Don Williamson

12 Steve Perry, Brian Rose, Martin Rose, Robin Woody, Rob Woody, Floyd Rich.

19 Ken Harper, Louis Wilkins, Beth Wilkins, John Hemphill

26 Macon Albertson, Brian Harper, Ryan Harris, Gayland Welborn, Cile Welborn, George Troxler.

Nursery

May 5 Susan Hemphill

12 Lou Harper

19 Phyllis Young

26 Helene Ellis

Child Care During Worship

May 5 Marie or Jeff Wilkins and Christy Rich

12 Louis Wilkins and Brian Rose

19 Jane McLelland and Rob Woody

26 Sue Brown and Katie Brown

Church Attendance for April

7	-	187	21	-	116
14	-	198	28	-	120

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May 15, 1991

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LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP

May 19th. Pentecost.

Wear something red to church to symbolize the flames of the Holy Spirit. New members will be received. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed. Dr. Irvine's meditation will be on "Heaven's Distribution System" from Acts 2:1-21. Hymns will include "Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove," "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine," and "Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me."

May 26th. Trinity Sunday.

The Epistle lection for the day is Romans 8:12-17, and Dr. Irvine will preach on "You're Included in the Will!" from its concluding verse. Hymns are "Holy! Holy! Holy!," "Ancient of Days, Who Sittest Throned in Glory," and "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go."

June 2nd. Second Sunday after Pentecost.

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NEW MEMBERS TO BE RECEIVED THIS SUNDAY

Mrs. **Norma Watson** of 809 Allendale Drive (Burlington), **Jim and Ethel Oakley** of 1724 Routh Road, and **Stan Willard** of Truitt Drive (**Estelle's** husband), have indicated their desire to join our congregation and expect to do so on May 19th, Pentecost, at our worship hour. All will come by letter of transfer.

The Evangelism Committee co-ordinates a potluck luncheon after worship on Sundays when new members are received as a way of honoring our newcomers. Please bring a dish and plan to stay for the meal after worship where you can greet our new friends. Also remember to wear your name-tags from worship to the Parish House to assist them in getting to know you. And, since it's Pentecost, wear something red (or orange or yellow) to church!

CHURCH PICNIC TO BE MAY 26TH

Please note the announcement on the back of the TORCH--it's not at Moonelon this year!

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP GENERAL MEETING

On Monday evening, June 3rd, at 6:00 we will have the "Caring Banquet," a covered dish dinner delayed from March when our Parish House was being renovated. The meal will be followed by our quarterly General Meeting. The program "Now It's Your Turn" will be led by Verona Danieley and Edith Brannock. All women of the church are invited, and we will especially honor our senior members.

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30 - 7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting

TORCHGLEAMS

We join in the sorrow of a number of families in our congregation. **Martin and Edith Shotzberger's** son **Marty** died after a long illness in Atlanta, May 1st. His ashes were interred in Richmond, VA, on May 11th... After a valiant struggle with illness of many years' duration, **Annie Ruth Parker** died on May 9th at Duke Medical Center. Her memorial service was held in the sanctuary on May 11th. She was especially remembered for her dedication and skill in teaching English to students who were not in the upper quartiles of their class. Our sympathy to her husband **Tim** and daughter **Maria**, whose wedding to **Steve Smith** will be on June 8th...**Biff Brafford's** brother-in-law, Edward Williams, of White Pine, Tennessee, died April 24th; our sympathy to **Biff and Doris...Lohr Dixon's** stepmother, Anna Lois Williams of Snow Camp, died May 12th and funeral services were May 14th; our sympathy to the Dixons...

Beth Lyon served as one of the worship leaders at the annual Southern Conference Pastor's Retreat at Blowing Rock Assembly Grounds May 13-15...

Attendance at the Elon College Baccalaureate service, now held in our sanctuary each year well ahead of graduation weekend, has increased by leaps and bounds; this year latecomers were hard pressed to find seats. Chaplain **Richard McBride** was glad for the good attendance, but sad to miss watching the moving of the Habitat for Humanity house, which the Student Habitat Chapter had built, from its temporary site opposite the Elon College Fire Station to its permanent site on Durham Street in Burlington because of his leadership responsibilities at the Baccalaureate. Moving the house was an event Richard had waited, and waited, and waited, weeks past scheduled plans, to see happen; but the house-mover kept delaying. Now the students will be unable to complete the project before their school year ends. But soon another family will have decent affordable housing and in that we can all rejoice...

TORCHGLEAMS (continued)

George and Venita Edwards, whose daughter in New York City is hospitalized and quite ill, have gone to be with her. Remember this family in your prayers...

As could be expected at this time of year, we're coming up on a string of weddings (four weekends in a row); but because of planned renovations in the Sanctuary this summer, we are not going to schedule any more weddings there after the **Parker-Smith** wedding on June 8th. The Church Council has authorized the Trustees to proceed with these renovations this summer rather than waiting another year. We expect to have the renovations completed by the last Sunday of July, which is Homecoming Sunday. While the sanctuary is in disarray we will hold our worship services in the Parish House...

BIBLE STUDY: WHEN'S A GOOD TIME?

Beginning in the fall, we'd like to make available some short-term Bible study opportunities outside the regular Sunday School times. We envision a 3, 4, or 5 session study, lasting an hour a week, perhaps on a short book of the Bible, or a particular Bible character, or a central Biblical theme, or a favorite passage or chapter. We would try to schedule these from time to time and perhaps at different times to enable more people to attend.

If you would like to attend such a Bible Study, please put a slip of paper in the offering plate with the words "Short-term Bible Study," the day and hour of the week that would most suit your schedule, a particular subject you would like to have covered, and your name and phone number. We'll get back to you. Or call the church office at 584-0391 and leave this information.

- The Pastors

THE HOSPICE LEAGUE

PRESENTING

G O L D C I T Y

IN CONCERT

with

ROBIN ALLMAN

WILLIAMS HIGH AUDITORIUM June 15, 1991

7:30 P.M.

Tickets: $8.00 - May be purchased from The Hospice Office, Faith Book Store, Day Star, Marcus Shoes, Professional Klean (Harden Street, Graham), Clapp Furniture (Downtown), and Ausley's Florist

The Hospice League is the fundraising wing of Hospice dedicated to raising the money to build and maintain a free-standing Hospice residence for the terminally ill who have no home, or no caretaker in the home. There the same love, professional attention and care would be provided which would be provided in their home if they had a home.

Thank you for supporting The League in this effort.

Announcement

WELCOME FRIENDS

Bring A Friend!

COVERED DISH SUPPER

DATE: MAY 26 AT 4:00

PLACE: BURLINGTON CITY PARK

WHAT TO BRING: A COVERED DISH

WHAT NOT TO BRING: DRINKS

(THEY'RE PROVIDED)

Family Fun

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June 16th. Fourth Sunday after Pentecost.

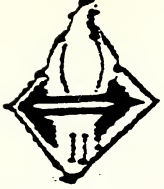
The sermon will be entitled "It Looks So Different From the Inside!" and is based on II Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17. Hymns to be sung are "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above," "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken," and "Jesus Calls Us."

June 23rd. Fifth Sunday after Pentecost.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated. Dr. Irvine's meditation will be on "High Panic and Deep Faith" from Mark 4:35-41. Hymns will include "When Morning Gilds the Skies," "O Where Are Kings and Empires Now," and "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face."

June 30th. Sixth Sunday After Pentecost.

The Rev. Barry Raker will be preaching on this Sunday. Dr. and Mrs. Irvine will be with his parents for their 65th wedding anniversary. More information in the next TORCH.



TORCHGLEAMS

Christy Rich, Miranda Rich, and **Elizabeth Mayse** took part recently in a dance recital by the Eloise Glass Dance Studio. Christy has been studying dance for twelve years...

Congratulations to **Macon Albertson** and **Elizabeth Raker** who will graduate from Western High School on June 4. Macon will be attending Elon College and Elizabeth will study dental hygiene at Greensboro Technical Community College.

Lohr Dixon's deceased stepmother was misnamed in the preceding issue of the TORCH. It should have read **Anna Lois Dixon**; we regret the error...

Another Boy Scout in our troop will shortly be awarded his Eagle badge: **Joshua Carden.** He will receive it on Sunday, June 2nd, at 3 o'clock at the Lodge. There's a high rate of advancement underway in Troop 51; more Eagles are on the way. Good work, Josh!...

Elon College recently honored **Andrea Albertson** and **Ray Covington** for 5 years; **Faye Conally, Lou Harper**, and **Carole Troxler** for 20 years; **Ann Vickers** for 25 years; and **Wes Alexander** for 30 years of service to the College. And **Bill Long** retired after serving the College in many different capacities since 1974. We are proud of the contributions these good folk have made across time to the life of the institution...Bill's wife **Marjorie** remains ill at home; remember her in your prayers...

Nancy Reddish was hospitalized on May 22nd and at this writing remains in Memorial Hospital for further tests...

A happy sign on the elementary school grounds said "Welcome Home, **Dr. Artley.**" We're glad **Malvin** has progressed enough to leave the hospital...

Ray Covington and his partner Gene Grimley won first place in the college's Wellness project exercise competition with over 3,500 minutes of exercise by walking, lifting weights, playing tennis and golf. A weekend trip to Garden City, S.C., went with the award...

The Middle High Youth Group
will provide

BABYSITTING

Saturday, June 8
5:30 to 8:30 pm

at the church

Proceeds to benefit the Habitat
project in Puebla-Veracruz, Mexico
run by Doug and Denise Long.

Bring your children for all or part
of the time. Please send a bag supper
if needed. A snack will be provided.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL IS

AUGUST 5 through 9

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WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Remember the Executive Committee meeting (for all officers, committee chairmen and circle chairmen) at 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 2.

All women remember the "Caring Banquet" covered dish dinner on Monday evening, June 3rd, at 6:00 p.m. The meal will be followed by our quarterly General Meeting. The program "Now It's Your Turn" will be led by Verona Danieley and Edith Brannock. All women of the church are invited, and we will especially honor our senior members.

HOT DOG LUNCH

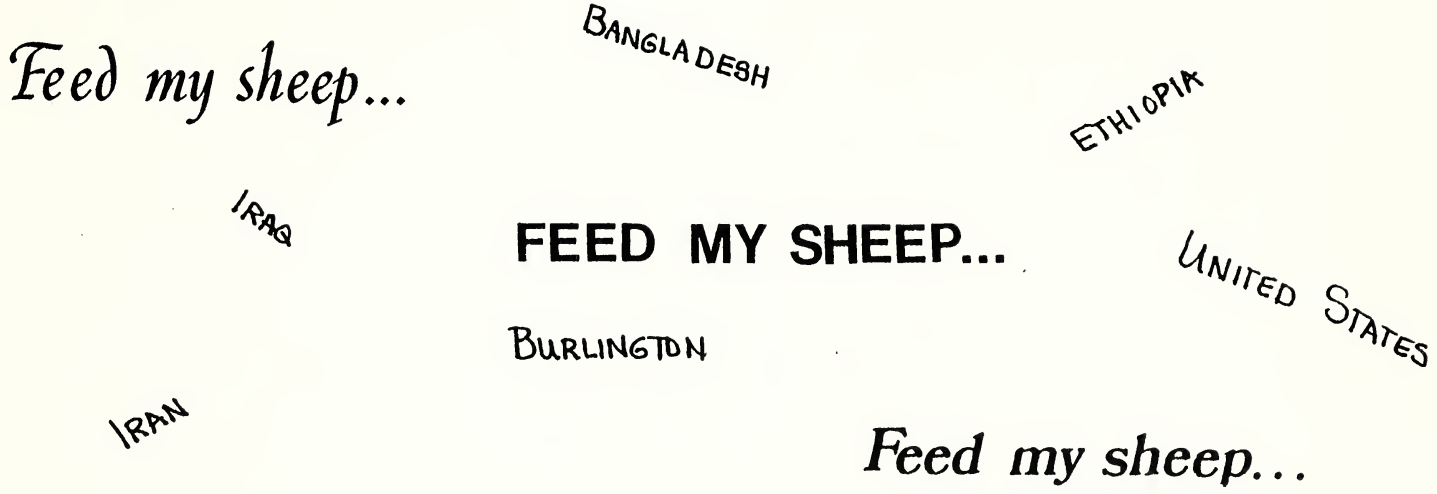
SUNDAY JUNE 2ND

12 NOON

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY TO A PICNIC STYLE LUNCH IN THE PARISH HOUSE. PROCEEDS GO TO THE YETS WORK CAMP FUND.

TICKETS ARE $2.50 AT THE DOOR.

Lately, the newspapers have told us of tragic events all over the world - continuing famines in Ethiopia coupled with changes in power and unpricidented airlifts of Ethiopian Jews who carried nothing but themselves and their children, storms leaving people in Bangladesh without food or shelter, Kurdish refugees who have gone home to find nothing left and have returned to their tents. We have an opportunity to help relieve some of the suffering all around us. The Mission Board has recommended that you use the attached label on a can or jar placed on your table. At mealtimes lets remember those who have no table to come to. Let's place our offering in the can as we enjoy what God has so richly blessed us with. Twenty five cents will buy a bowl of rice for eight people. We suggest an offering of 25¢ per meal per family member. A family of three could then feed 24 people with their 75¢ offering! We will bring our offerings on Sunday, July 7 and our contributions toward world relief will then go to Church World Service to be used for emergency relief wherever needed.



On Sunday, May 19, 1991 we received the following new members into our church family. We are listing below the names, addresses and phone numbers of these new members so that you might add them to your directories.

Ms. Bryden Manning and son, Chris — Phone 228-0540
1909 Routh Road
Burlington, N.C. 27217

Tom and Ethel Oakley — Phone 227-7288
1724 Routh Road
Burlington, N.C. 27217

Mrs. Nancy Reddish — Phone 584-0554
614 E. Haggard Avenue
P. O. Box 275
Elon College, N.C. 27244

Mrs. Norma Watson — Phone 228-1036
809 Allendale Drive
Burlington, N.C. 27215

Mr. Stan Willard — Phone 584-5991
Truitt Drive
P. O. Box 891
Elon College, N.C. 27244

Associate Member:

Mr. Ray Turner — Phone 538-3962
2681 Firethorn Trail
Burlington, N.C. 27215

JUNE CALENDAR

2	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		12:00 noon	YETS Hot Dog Lunch
		3:30 p.m.	Middle High Youth
		4:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Executive Committee
		7:00 p.m.	Worship Committee
3	-	6:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Caring Banquet
5	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		10:00 a.m.	Women in Ministry
6	-	7:30 p.m.	Church Council
9	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
			YETS leaving for Work Camp Appalachian South Rural Folk Life Center
12	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
13	-	7:30 p.m.	Board of Deacons
16	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
18	-	10:00 a.m.	Fun Club
19	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
20	-	7:00 p.m.	Personnel Committee
		7:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees
23	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir

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JUNE CALENDAR - continued -

26 - 9:00 a.m. Mother's Morning Out
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

June 26 - July 2 - GENERAL SYNOD - Norfolk, Va.

30 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

2 - John Barbee
Adam Shull
Pearl Smith

3 - Juanita Loy
Mary Shaw Cunningham

4 - James Moncure

7 - Walter Boyd
James Overton

8 - Paul Reddish

9 - Jim Scott

15 - Robin Woody

17 - Virginia Richardson
Andy Powell
Chris Shoffner

19 - Eugene Lankford
Nora Griswold
Shirley Beyer

20 - Jeremy Noel Allen

21 - Reuben Seamster
Catherine Fogleman
Venita Edwards
Tommy Oakley

22 - Sibyl White

25 - David M. McLelland, Jr.

27 - Nathan Artley
Nancy B. Wills

28 - Floyd Rich

29 - Lucille Howard
David Brown

30 - Jody Edgerton

There's still time to register for church camp at one of the many camps offered by the Southern Conference this summer. Brochures and registration forms are available in the church office. Scholarship money is available through the church as well.

- ☐ Beginners Camp (June 30-July 3 JR) 3rd Grade
- ☐ Junior Age 1 (June 23-29 JR) Grades 4-6
- ☐ Junior Age 2 (July 21-27 FC) Grades 4-6
- ☐ Junior Age 3 (August 4-10 JR) Grades 4-6
- ☐ Explorers Camp (July 14-20 JR) Grades 5-6
- ☐ Traveling Road Show (July 14-20 JR) Grades 4-6

- ☐ Junior High (July 7-13 JR) Grades 7-8
- ☐ Junior High Youth (July 14-20 FC) Grades 7-8

- ☐ Recreation (July 28-August 3 JR) Grades 7-8
- ☐ JH Outpost Ad. (July 7-13 JR) Grades 7-8
- ☐ Nags Head Trip (June 16-22) Grades 7-8

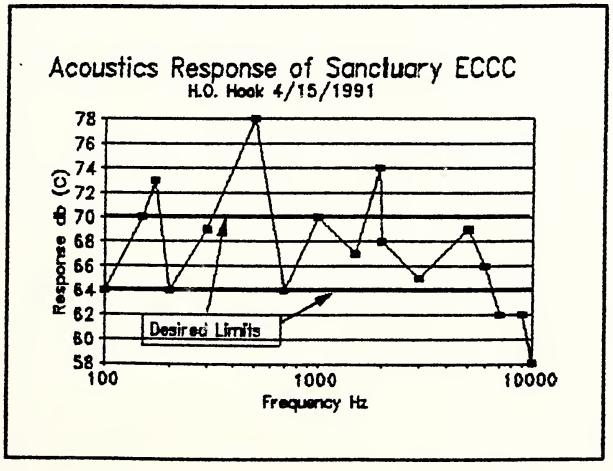
- ☐ Senior High Youth (July 14-20 FC) Grades 9-12
- ☐ Senior High (July 21-27 JR) Grades 9-12
- ☐ SH Outpost Ad. (July 28-August 3 JR) Grades 9-12
- ☐ Work Camp (June 16-22 JR) Grades 9-12

SANCTUARY SOUND SYSTEM
REFLECTIONS AND PROJECTIONS

The following is a brief history of the sound in the sanctuary, pieced together from records and recollections of people who have been aware of the several actions.

When the sanctuary was first built the acoustic design was intended to be such that no sound reinforcement would be needed. The first sound amplification system provided only earphones for the hearing impaired. (Although we did not use that term then.) Some time later the system was modified to add sound reinforcement to the hearing aid system. This system provided satisfactory results.

About 1985 new loud speakers and amplifiers were installed, apparently to overcome complaints about inability to hear. About the same, time wireless hearing aids were acquired. (Hearing aids rarely are popular no matter how good they are.) This is the system now in use. Although the components are of excellent quality, continual "tinkering" has not produced a really satisfactory result.



When the new organ was installed the acoustic tile was removed from the ceiling. The increased reflection lengthens the time required for sound to die out after the source has stopped. This also produces undesirable peaks (which are apparent in the adjacent graph) in the acoustic response of the room. For optimum

speech recognition the reverberation time should be short, about 1 second or less. For *organ only* the reverberation time should be 1.6 seconds or so. The measured reverberation time in our sanctuary (empty) is about 2.8 seconds. It obviously interferes with the understanding of speech. The reverberation time, computed using measurements of the room and handbook values of reflection, is 3.Ø seconds (good agreement). The computations also indicate that application of acoustic tile to the sanctuary ceiling should reduce the reverberation time to a value appropriate for good clarity of speech.

Under the premise that, in a sanctuary, any compromises should be made in the direction of clarity of speech, the board of trustees has agreed to pursue the installation of acoustic treatment for the sanctuary ceiling in connection with the planned painting and new carpet. The information presented here has been shared with the ministers and musicians. There have been no objections to the proposal. Some of the savings from not having to patch and paint the ceiling can be applied to the cost of the acoustic treatment.

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR PERIOD ENDING
Apr 30 1991

	1990 ACTUAL	1991 BUDGET	BUDGET TO DATE	ACTUAL TO DATE
SOURCES OF INCOME				
Total Pledged Income	114,633.12	123,075.00	41,845.50	36,950.75
Total Special Contributions	7,429.28	7,425.00	3,057.00	3,483.59
Total Loose Offerings	3,179.98	3,149.00	1,070.66	1,558.48
Total Interest Earned	1,175.19	1,097.00	0.00	359.87
Total Fund Raising	301.01	577.00	0.00	167.50
Total Rental Income	3,442.10	3,082.00	830.24	202.75
Total Miscellaneous Receipts	2,431.59	1,800.00	620.55	0.00
TOTAL REVENUE	132,592.27	140,205.00	47,423.95	42,722.94
EXPENDITURES				
Total Local Mission	4,848.89	4,875.00	1,158.00	2,290.95
Total UCC Ministries	14,705.25	13,425.00	4,171.00	3,050.00
Total World Ministries	2,258.38	2,350.00	175.00	942.00
Total Other Mission Expense	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL MISSIONS	21,812.52	20,750.00	5,504.00	6,282.95
Total Worship Services	1,108.46	1,225.00	358.75	245.57
Total Evangelism	613.51	1,200.00	570.00	683.04
Total Music Programs	9,311.85	11,528.00	3,644.24	3,485.64
TOTAL WORSHIP AND EVANGELISM	11,033.82	13,953.00	4,572.99	4,414.25
Total Program - Christian Ed.	2,964.19	5,725.00	1,416.00	1,997.51
Total Personnel - Christian Ed.	11,042.08	11,765.00	3,552.45	3,891.32
TOTAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	14,006.27	17,490.00	4,968.45	5,888.83
Total Building Expense	26,943.18	28,520.00	11,397.00	8,945.50
Total Personnel	6,692.90	6,567.00	2,167.11	2,163.46
Total Operating Expense	1,958.21	2,160.00	594.00	635.14
TOTAL CHURCH FACILITIES	35,594.29	37,247.00	14,158.11	11,744.10
Total Program	316.67	340.00	0.00	0.00
Total Personnel	48,418.40	49,564.00	15,582.36	15,533.96
Total Operating Expense	0.00	350.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL LEADERSHIP	48,735.07	50,254.00	15,582.36	15,533.96
TOTAL OTHER	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	131,181.97	139,694.00	44,785.91	44,164.09
EXCESS/(DEF) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSE	1,410.30	511.00	2,638.04	(1,441.15)

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
DURING THE 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

Greeters / Flowers

June	2	Steve and Kim Perry	Mr. and Mrs. Howard Loy
	9	Bill and Shirley Beyer	
	16	John and Ellie Ketcham	Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hughes
	23	Mike and Janet Mayse	Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Danieley
	30	Clair and Dorcas Lohr-Myers	Mr. and Mrs. Monty Causey

Acolytes

June	2	Crystal Bradley and Tara McKenna
	9	Elizabeth Mayse and Marie Acquilano
	16	Vega Herold and Emily Woody
	23	Lydia Troxler and Sara Hemphill
	30	Meg Wilkins and Chris Causey

Ushers

June	2	Mike Mayse, Earl Parker, John Hemphill, Lohr Dixon, Dee Atkinso, Don Williamson.
	9	Steve Perry, Brian Rose, Martin Rose, Robin Woody, Rob Woody, Stan Willard, Floyd Rich.
	16	Ken Harper, Louis Wilkins, Beth Wilkins, John Hemphill.
	23	Macon Albertson, Brian Harper, Ryan Harris, Gayland Welborn, Cile Welborn, George Troxler.
	30	Ed Simons, Jeff Wilkins, Walter Boyd, Jim Lyon.

Nursery

June	2	Ellie Ketcham	23	Mary Butler
	9	Maxine Rich	30	
	16	Lou Harper		

Child Care During Worship

June	2	Lou Harper and Jamie Brown
	9	Ann Acquilano and Brian Harper
	16	Carolyn Messick and Ryan Harris
	23	Kim or Steve Perry and Christy Rich
	30	Maxine Rich and Brian Rose

Church Attendance for May

5	-	134	19	-	128
12	-	140	26	-	130

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LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP

June 16th. Fourth Sunday after Pentecost.

The sermon will be entitled "It Looks So Different Fr the Inside!" and is based on II Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17. Hymns to be sung are "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above, "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken," and "Jesus Calls Us.

June 23rd. Fifth Sunday after Pentecost.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated Dr. Irvine's meditation will be on "High Panic and Deep Faith" from Mark 4:35-41. Hymns will include "When Mornin Gilds the Skies," "O Where Are Kings and Empires Now," and "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face."

June 30th. Sixth Sunday after Pentecost.

The Rev. Barry Raker will be preaching on this Sunday His scripture will be Luke 5:12-16 and his sermon is entitled "If You Choose." Hymns will be "When Morning Gil the Skies," "Immortal Love, Forever Full," and "Where Cros the Crowded Ways of Life."

Dr. and Mrs. Irvine will be with his parents on June 30th for their 65th wedding anniversary.

July 7th. Seventh Sunday after Pentecost.

The Rev. Beth Lyon will preach from Mark 6:1-6. Dr. Irvine will be on vacation this and the following Sunday.

July 14th. Eighth Sunday after Pentecost.

Beth Lyon will preach from Mark 6:7-13.

SOME OF THE NEW MEMBERS WHO WERE RECEIVED MAY 19TH

Norma Watson (Mrs. Jack) of 809 Allendale Drive in Burlington joined by letter of transfer from Kinnette Memorial Baptist Church. Born in Statesville, she grew up in Baltimore, and married a Methodist minister. They served churches in Philadelphia; Parsippany, NJ; Providence, RI; and Baltimore. Her husband died in 1982; they had three children and Norma now has 7 grandchildren. After her husband's death she moved to Burlington, worked for a while at an outlet store and then as church sevretary at Davis Street United Methodist Church for a couple of years. For the past 5 years she has worked at the UNC Hospital in Chapel Hill where she is now Administrative Assistant in the Human Resource Development Department. Three years ago Norma married a widower in Burlington, Jack Watson. Jack retired the day before the wedding from many years o service at Holt Hosiery, but keeps going back to help out there frequently. The Watsons enjoy travel and hope to do more of it after Norma retires. She enjoys flower gardening and eating the vegetables Jack grows in his food garden. Norma is in our handbell choir and has had extensive experience in such choirs from earlier years.

Tom and Ethel Oakley have lived at 1724 Routh Road, Burlington 27217, for the last 14 years. They joined by letter of transfer from the Shallow Ford United Church of Christ. Tom comes from Caswell and Ethel from Rockingham County. In 1986 Tom retired from a career in textile machinery with Lessona & Crompton-O. He works at the Winn-Dixie in Glen Raven on Thursdays and Fridays. Ethel is a nurse and has worked in Dr. Blair's office for 35 years; before that in the old Rainey Hospital. She has a small side business buying and selling jewelry. Tom enjoys going to the jewelry market in Charlotte with her, and keeping up the home and yard.

New Members (continued)

Ray Turner joined as an Associate Member; his main membership is at Stony Creek A.M.E. Church. He graduated in 1979 from Elon College, worked for the college for a while in landscaping, and then went to the Myrtle Beach area where he worked for several years before returning to Elon. He is the caretaker for the college's gymnasium and lives in a room in the gym. He has taken some advanced courses at Elon since returning.

(Others who also joined on May 19th will be introduced in a subsequent issue of the TORCH.)

A LETTER OF APPRECIATION

May 28, 1991

Dear Friends:

We wish to express our deep gratitude for your thoughtfulness during the tribulation of the demise of our dear son Martin Edward Shotzberger. He would have been profoundly moved, as were we, by the Christian outpouring of visits, prayers, cards, words and memorials from members of our congregation.

You touched our spirits and strengthened our souls. We are indeed appreciative of your love.

Sincerely,

Martin L. and Edith Cosby Shotberger

SENIOR HIGH "Y.E.T.S." WORK CAMP UNDER WAY THIS WEEK

After preparations lasting for a year or more, six young people have gone with two adult advisors on a work camp experience to the Appalachian region. The six include Katie Brown, Travis Johnson, Karen Mankowski, Shawn McKenna, Brian Rose, and Rob Woody. Making the trip with them are the Rev. Beth Lyon and John Barbee. Y.E.T.S. stands for "Youth Experience Travel and Service." Beth unfortunately was ill the first day of the camp and spent the day in bed with a fever. John Barbee led the group in painting a house on its first day assignment.

The Senior Highs did a marvelous job of clearing out the basement of the Parish House and cleaning the storage rooms upstairs in the same building on May 8th. In the process they earned enough money to finish financing their work camp trip. They were commissioned for service at worship on June 9th and left shortly afterward for the Appalachian Southern Folk Life Center at Pipestem, West Virginia, where they will be engaged in a variety of work and educational experiences. Their work experiences will include maintenance, hauling wood, landscaping, and possibly some house repairs at the homes of needy people. The Center receives work camps from many areas of the country throughout the year. On Friday they will cap their trip with some whitewater rafting before returning home late that evening. They will present a report to the congregation on Sunday, June 16th. They thank all members of the congregation who have helped them along the way toward this event.

CHIP II PLEDGE

This Sunday, June 16, 1991, we shall take a special collection towards the pledge made by our church beginning in 1990 to the Children's Home Improvement Program, or better known as CHIP II.

Last year our church pledged $1,000 per year for 3 consecutive years to CHIP II. We met our goal of $1,000 in 1990 with $1,250 being received. So far we are short of our goal for 1991 with only $425.00 received to date.

A few examples of how the funds collected are to be used are: special enrichments programs for the children and staff to meet the changing needs of the homes, an endowment fund for ongoing programs, renovations and improvements to buildings, grounds improvements, and vans for transportation for the Snyder Campus here in Elon College, the Fred Kennedy Campus in Charlotte, and the Turner Memorial Group Home in Suffolk, Va.

If we have new members in our church who did not pledge to CHIP II, we want you to feel free to now pledge your dollars in support of the Children's Homes. We do ask that you specify on your check or envelope that your money is for the CHIP II program. In this way we can be sure that your dollars will be put to use for the Children's Homes.

The Elon Homes for Children has been a special interest of our church since its beginning in 1907. Now would be a wonderful time for all of us to express our concern for its continued success by honoring our pledges to the CHIP II program. Your continued support in this worth-while campaign for the youth and their ongoing care through the Children's Homes programs is greatly appreciated.

- Jimma Causey
Board of Missions

BIBLE STUDY: WHEN'S A GOOD TIME?

So far we've had only one response to this announcement so we're running it again in case you missed it:

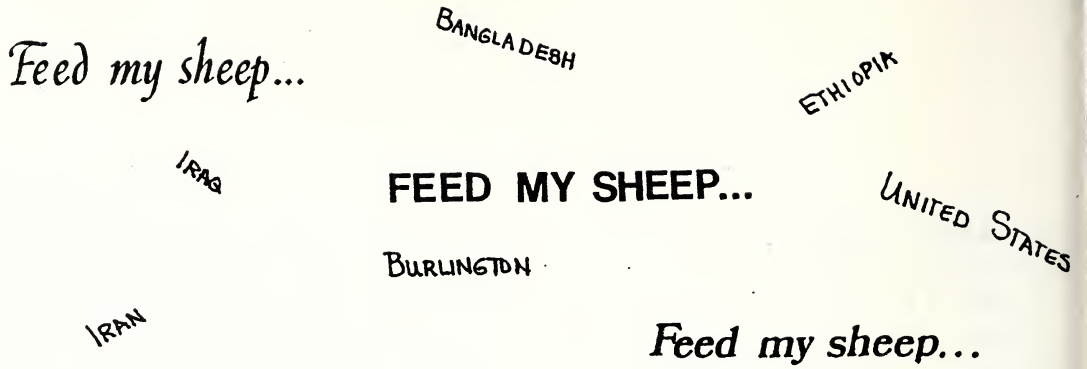
Beginning in the fall, we'd like to make available some short-term Bible study opportunities outside the regular Sunday School times. We envision a 3, 4, or 5 session study, lasting an hour a week, perhaps on a short book of the Bible, or a particular Bible character, or a central Biblical theme, or a favorite passage or chapter. We would try to schedule these from time to time and perhaps at different times to enable more people to attend.

If you would like to attend such a Bible Study, please put a slip of paper in the offering plate with the words "Short-term Bible Study," the day and hour of the week that would most suit your schedule, a particular subject you would like to have covered, and your name and phone number. We'll get back to you. Or call the church office at 584-0391 and leave this information.

- The Pastors

ADDITIONAL HANDBELLS PURCHASED

Recently a set of additional handbells, some above and some below the range of our present set, were purchased through Memorial Funds. The cost was $1,620 plus shipping. Thanks to Bill Ellis for making and painting the necessary stands to go with the new set.



A REMINDER - Don't forget our offering for World Relief. A jar label was in the last TORCH, with the suggestion that we set aside 25¢ per meal per family member for this disaster offering, to be received July 7. The needs are enormous, as we all know. Let's share generously.

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WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP CIRCLES -

This year the circles are scheduled in the yearbook to meet in July and not in August. Circles 1 and 3 will meet as printed in the yearbook. However, due to several conflicts in schedule, Circle 2 will not meet in July but will meet in August on Monday, August 5, at Sibyl White's new home.

TORCHGLEAMS

Ruth and Paul Cheek delightedly report the arrival of their second grandchild, Christopher Alton Campbell, who was born on May 29th in Moscow, Idaho. The parents are Alton Campbell, Jr., and Janet Cheek Campbell; the other grandparents are Bee and Alton Campbell of Pittsboro. Congratulations likewise to great-grandmother **Della Scott** and her daughter **Lois Luke**, whose first grandchild, James Augustus Luke III, was born to Jay and Vickie Luke of Winston-Salem on June 5th. His nickname will be "Jason" to distinguish him from Jay...

Congratulations to **Maria Parker** and **Steve Smith** who were married in our sanctuary on June 8th...

Our deep sympathy to **Betty Walker**, whose mother, Mrs. Ruth Miller, died on May 31st in Florence, SC. The funeral was on June 2nd...And sympathy also to **Jim and Lorene Lyon.** Jim's older brother, Thomas H. Lyon of Clinton, MD, died on May 13th...We also just heard that **Ralph Oxford's** older sister died in Atlanta last week; he and **Hilda** are still there as of this writing...

Estelle Willard and **Helene Ellis** are both recovering from leg injuries...**Nancy Reddish** has recovered after her recent hospitalization and looked chipper in church last Sunday...**Alyssa Lovell** will undergo surgery at Duke on June 14th, to fix some leftovers from that nasty auto accident; remember her in your prayers...

Congratulations to **Wilma Williamson,** who received a special scholarship award from the Elon Homes for Children at their recent alumni day ceremonies. Wilma has been patiently studying part-time toward a degree at Elon for a long time and is now a junior. Daytime, she works at the Vitus Holt Day Care Center on the E.H.C. campus...Keep up the good work, Wilma; you deserved it! We will rejoice with you at your graduation one of these years soon...

A NOTE OF APPRECIATION

An Elon College student who has been attending our church for four years sent the pastors and congregation a card which read "Your kindness was appreciated from the very start. Please accept the thanks that's deep within my heart. You've been so thoughtful." These handwritten words were added:

"The Elon UCC has been my home away from home for the past four years. I appreciate all the warmth and the arms that were gladly opened to me. Thank you for the book. May many other college students have as warm a stay as I have had. Love through Christ,

Julia Morris."

MEN'S BREAKFAST COMING UP SOON

The quarterly breakfast of the Men's Fellowship has been scheduled for 8 a.m. on Sunday, June 23rd. Edith Brannock will speak briefly on the history of the men's and women's fellowships in this church. Plans fo the July 4th fundraiser will be discussed. All men are welcome.

VIALS OF LIFE

Biff Brafford has a supply of "Vial of Life" vials; anyone interested may call him at 584-7370.

SPACES STILL AVAILABLE ON BUS TO GENERAL SYNOD WORSHIP

First Christian Church still has 15 vacancies on t bus it rented to take a group to the June 30th special worship service in Norfolk. If the bus is full the cos will only be $15 per person round trip. This special worship service, to which members of churches in the ho Conference are invited, is the highlight of every Gener Synod. If you would like to go please call the church office (584-0391). The bus will leave early that morni and return late in the evening.

It is my sad duty to announce the death of one of our most valued and honored church members, Someone Else. Someone Else has been with us for many years. He always did far more than his share of the normal church member's work. Whenever leadership was mentioned, this capable person's name was called. I remember hearing it said with real tribute, "Someone Else can do that much better than I can."

Whenever there was a class to teach or a meeting to attend, there was always a concensus: "Let Someone Else do it." It was common knowledge that Someone Else was among the largest givers in the church. Everytime we have had a financial campaign, everyone just took it for granted that Someone Else would make up whatever shortfall might occur in our pledges to the church budget.

Someone Else was a wonderful person, who never complained and went on taking up the slack when his cousin, No One Else, failed to come through. The truth of the matter is that everyone expected too much of Someone Else. It's too bad that he was not able to enjoy retirement and watch the fruits of his labors.

JUNE CALENDAR

12 - 9:00 a.m. Mother's Morning Out
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

13 - 7:30 p.m. Board of Deacons

16 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
7:00 p.m. Handbell Choir

19 - 9:00 a.m. Mother's Morning Out

20 - 7:00 p.m. Personnel Committee
7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees

23 - 8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship Breakfast
9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
7:00 p.m. Handbell Choir

26 - 9:00 a.m. Mother's Morning Out
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

June 26 - July 2 - GENERAL SYNOD - Norfolk, Va.

30 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

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The Rev. Beth Lyon will preach from Mark 6:1-6.

July 14th. Eighth Sunday after Pentecost.
Beth Lyon will preach from Mark 6:7-13.

July 21st. Ninth Sunday after Pentecost.
Dr. Irvine will preach from II Samuel 11:1-15 on "The Downhill Slide." Hymns will include "Awake, My Soul, and With the Sun," "In the Hour of Trial," and "Soldiers o Christ, Arise."

July 28th. Homecoming Sunday (10th after Pentecost).
See article elsewhere in this TORCH for details.

HOMECOMING SUNDAY TO BE JULY 28TH

Mark your calendar: the last Sunday in July will be our annual Homecoming Sunday. Notify your friends who are former members or who are connected to this church in other ways, and invite them to come and see our newly renovated Parish House, where one of our delicious pot-luck luncheons will be served after the worship service. Dr. Irvine will be preaching that morning on "The Place Just Right" from Psalm 16:5-6.

REDECORATION UPDATE

The Trustees have one bid in hand and are seeking a second for the redecoration of the sanctuary. They anticipate having a recommendation to make to the Church Council at its meeting on July 2nd. The work could start as soon as the contractor chosen could begin. At this writing it is uncertain as to which Sunday we will be moving to the Parish House for services, and for how long. In case we will be unable to occupy the sanctuary on either July 28th for Homecoming Sunday or on August 18th for Football Sunday, we have reserved Whitley Auditorium on campus for those dates, when attendance would likely overflow the Parish House capability.

The Trustees appointed a redecoration committee consisting of Edith Brannock, Mary Butler, Jean Simons, and Lucille Stone as advisor and Dr. Irvine ex-officio. This committee is preparing several color schemes and Jean will be making watercolor sketches of each of these so our members can get an idea of what the results might look like. These will soon be available for your examination on Sunday mornings. The committee will value your response.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL FIRST WEEK IN AUGUST

"Share God's Blessings" will be the theme for our Vacation Church School which will be held the mornings of August 5-9. Mark the dates!

SENIOR PASTOR ON VACATION

Dr. Irvine will leave for a vacation the afternoon o June 29th. After a visit with his parents in Harrisonbu VA, on their 65th wedding anniversary June 30th, he and M Irvine will stay a day longer while his mother undergoes surgery for an implant. On July 2nd he will be back here for the third session of the Callahan study and the Chur Council meeting. The Irvines will leave the next day fo trip to Kentucky. On their return they will attend the Scottish Highland Games at Grandfather Mountain and visi Biltmore at Asheville. Dr. Irvine will be back in the office on July 17th.

In case of pastoral emergencies the primary deacon contact will be Lou Harper (office 584-2420; home 584-65 The backup deacon will be Cary Matlock (home 584-7961).

Beth Lyon will be taking a vacation week beginning after worship on Sunday, July 21st.

BENEFACTORS AID US IN JULY 4TH FUNDRAISER

Elsewhere in this TORCH is a flyer concerning the Fourth of July fundraiser of our Men's Fellowship.

Several local enterprises have volunteered assistan to our church's booth and to the Elon College Exchange C booth.

Hardee's has contributed 1500 cups, 1500 paper bags, napkins, and 40 lbs. of chili to the Exchange Club. The Village Cafe has loaned aprons to both organizations. T Blue Ribbon Diner has donated 1000 cups to our church bo If the occasion arises, please express our thanks to the for this help.

"WORDS OF FAITH"

The Summer Conference of Church Women is meeting at Catawba Colelge July 14-17. Any women interested in attending contact Dorcas Lohr or Nancy Lu Irvine. There be some financial assistance available if you'd like to

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS AGAIN!

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS AGAIN! THE BURLINGTON JULY 4TH CELEBRATION WILL BE PROVIDING US AN OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE MONEY FOR SOME OF THE CHURCH'S NEEDY OUTREACH PROGRAMS.
REMEMBER THE GREAT AUCTION WE HELD A FEW YEARS AGO?
MOST EVERYONE PITCHED IN TO HELP--AND WE HAD A FUN DAY WHILE RAISING OVER $2,500 FOR THE CHURCH PROGRAMS. IT WAS A PAINLESS WAY TO RAISE FUNDS!

OUR OPPORTUNITY HAS ARISEN AGAIN. OUR CHURCH WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE ALAMANCE COUNTY CELEBRATION FESTIVITIES TO BE HELD IN BURLINGTON ON THE 4TH OF JULY. A SPECIAL CEREMONY WILL HONOR OUR RETURNED VETERANS. AGAIN, WE WILL NEED EVERYONE'S HELP IN MANNING THE BOOTH WHERE WE WILL BE OFFERING POPCORN & LEMONADE FOR SALE. (RAIN DATE WILL BE SATURDAY, JULY 6.)

THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP IS SPEAR-HEADING THE EFFORT AND WILL SET UP A BOOTH UNDER THE SHED BESIDE THE DEPOT, OPPOSITE THE AMPHITHEATER. THIS LOCATION WILL BE A FOCAL POINT OF MUCH ACTIVITIES AND IS A CHOICE SPOT FOR US TO SELL POPCORN AND LEMONADE TO THE 40,000 + ATTENDEES. THIS WILL BE A GREAT WAY TO RAISE MONEY & PROVIDE PUBLICITY FOR OUR CHURCH.

TO BE SUCCESSFUL, WE MUST ALL HELP BY SHARING TIME AT THE BOOTH TO SERVE THE DRINKS AND POPCORN AND COLLECT THE MONEY.

IF WE EACH OFFER TO SPEND AN HOUR AT THE BOOTH, BETWEEN 9AM AND 4PM, EACH PERSON'S EFFORT WILL BE MINIMAL.

OUR LOCATION UNDER THE OVERHANGING ROOF WILL BE COMFORTABLE IN THE SHADE AND WE WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY THE MULTITUDE OF ACTIVITIES AROUND THE DEPOT. IT SHOULD BE AN INTERESTING AND FUN DAY WORKING TOGETHER WITH SOME OF OUR FELLOW CHURCH MEMBERS.

GAYLAND WELBORN, PRES. OF THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP, REQUIRES THE ASSISTANCE OF THE MEN AND LADIES AND THE YOUTH OF OUR CHURCH. PLEASE CALL GAYLAND (584-2854) OR JOHN KEICHAM (584-7225)TO VOLUNTEER A BIT OF YOUR TIME FOR THIS WORTHY CAUSE. CALL TODAY, TO PERMIT A SCHEDULE TO BE ESTABLISHED!

WE THINK THIS WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE A BUNDLE!!!

Catch the Spirit

AT THE

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SOME MORE OF THE NEW MEMBERS WHO WERE RECEIVED MAY 19TH

Nancy Reddish (Mrs. Paul) is a native of Benson, NC, but spent her high school years in Durham and Raleigh. She and Paul met while he was a freshman at Duke and she was a high school junior in Durham, and they dated for a while but ended up marrying other spouses. Nancy worked as a bookkeeper in Raleigh, first in a furniture store and then for twenty-five years at the North Carolina Automobile Rate Administration, an agency dealing with insurance matters. In 1934 she married William C. Robbins and the couple had one son, William L., who became a banker. Her husband died in 1952. Her son managed a bank in Myrtle Beach and when his mother retired she moved there to be near him. Later he worked in banks in Florida and Raleigh but Nancy remained in Myrtle Beach.

Across the years she and Paul kept in touch through Christmas cards. After Paul's first wife died, they renewed their friendship, not having seen each other for sixty years! They were married on October 26th, 1989. Nancy, like Paul, loves gardening and caring for plants of a great variety. She also does exquisite handwork. She joins us by letter of transfer from the Ocean View Baptist Church of Myrtle Beach, SC.

Stan Willard was born in Woodruff, SC. As a youngster he delivered groceries, ran a movie theater, and helped start a trucking business. In 1938 he came to Greensboro and worked for Horton Motor Lines, which merged with 7 other companies to form one large one, Associated, in 1942. In 1943 he enlisted in the Navy and after serving on a patrol gunboat in the North Atlantic was sent to the Pacific where he saw action at Iwo Jima and Okinawa. He first joined the church in Hawaii during his naval service.
After the war he continued as a truck driver in this area and became active in the Teamsters' Union, becoming president of Local 391. (R. B. Dunn, who is at this writing a candidate for president of the national Teamsters' organization, was another officer in that local with Stan at the time.) In 1969 Stan began working for Kaiser-Roth in personnel work. In the mid-70s he became a salesman for Brothers Research Corporation, and he retired in 1982.

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NEW MEMBERS (continued)

He was married to Iris McPherson from 1935 until her death in 1981. After seven years of "going together," he and Estelle Perry were married on April 29, 1989. Stan enjoys working around the yard. He is a member of the Elo College Exchange Club and is a Senior Democrat. Stan come to us by letter of transfer from the First Baptist Church Graham.

In a future TORCH we will conclude this series on our new members.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

2 - Holt Sutton

3 - Dewey Holt
Frances Longest
Kyle Willis

4 - Kim Shomaker
Jefferson D. Wilkins, III
Don Williamson

6 - Mark Danieley

7 - Jeff D. Wilkins

8 - Josie Huey

9 - Tom Edgerton
Earl Parker
Rita Snyder

11 - Lou Harper

13 - Scott Dollar
Christy Rich

15 - Susan Hemphill

17 - Bill Barbee

20 - Sue Brown

21 - Winifred Barney
Robert Baxter
Reuben Seamster

22 - Irma Seamster

24 - Wayne Bunting
Fred Holt

25 - Jackie Pendergrass
Chris Vickers

28 - J. Earl Danieley
Cindy Rinker Lamond

29 - Kala Vickers
David Young

30 - Elizabeth Lohr-Myers
Lorene Lyon

31 - Caroline Y. Powell

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

We are so excited and happy to let everyone know the results of our recent CHIP II campaign. We reached, and even passed, our pledge of $1,000 for 1991 by collecting $657.00 from our special CHIP II offering on June 16th.

Our totals collected to date are:

$1,250.00	-	1990
1,082.00	-	1991
$2,332.00		Total

This means we will only need to collect $668.00 to complete our $3,000 pledge for the three years! Wouldn't it be great it we were able to reach our goal before 1992?

Of course none of this would have been possible without the help of our congregation and their willingness to help the Children's Home Improvement Program. Each of you should feel good knowing your dollars will be spent locally at the Elon Homes as well as the Fred Kennedy Campus in Charlotte and the Turner Memorial Group Home in Suffolk, Va.

On behalf of the Board of Missions, I would like to thank everyone for their help in making this CHIP II offering so successful! THANK YOU!

Jimma Causey
Board of Missions

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TORCHGLEAMS

Mike Mayse was elected to a term on the Board of Adjustments by the Burlington City Council at its meeting June 18th...

Congratulations to **Julia Morris**, who plans to marry **Scott Buffington** of Burlington on August 3rd in Atlantic, NC. Scott's father is the Rev. Ed Buffington, pastor of Brookwood Baptist Churh in Burlington. The couple plan to live in Winston-Salem where Julia will attend graduate school...

Word from **Gordon Rankin** is that he graduated from Andover-Newton Theological School in May and began work on the staff of the First Congregational Church in Madison, Connecticut, on June 3rd. Youth work is a major part of his responsibility, but while the senior pastor is on vacation during July, on Gordon's watch the church will begin a million-dollar campaign for an endowment to fund upkeep of its physical plant. He will be ordained by the Northern New Mexico Association at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Rio Rancho, New Mexico, a suburb of Albuquerque, on Sunday, August 25th, at 2:00, and invites to attend any of our members who happen to be in the Albuquerque area at the time. His fiancee, Paige Besse, is writing a new song for the occasion. Gordon's address is now 12 Bradley Road, Madison, CT 06443; home phone 203-245-1763 (church -2739)...

Our sympathy to **Earl and Verona Danieley, and Faye and Tom Conally.** Earl's and Faye's uncle Jess' wife, Rena Maude Isely Danieley, died on June 14th...We also note with sorrow the death on the same day of Durward Stokes, who was an accomplished historian for the College and for Alamance County, after a long and varied career. His labors of love will live after him...Sympathy also to **Ralph and Hilda Oxford**; Ralph's sister Nellie Oxford McNair died in Atlanta June 3rd after an illness of many years...

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TORCHGLEAMS (concluded)

Planning to attend the meeting of General Synod in Norfol are **Beth Lyon** June 27-29, **Ray and Mona Covington** June 30, **Bill Andes and John Barbee** June 30-July 1, and **Dorcas Lohr** June 27-July 2. Dorcas is in charge of recycling fo the entire event!...Thanks to all those who responded to appeal for baking cookies to share with delegates and visitors to Synod. It was all the office staff could do keep from charging a "tax" on them while they were waitin in the office for transportation to Norfolk by Dorcas...

Alyssa Lovell had surgery on her leg at Duke Hospital an has been recuperating at home since June 18th...**Willard White** and **Lucille Howard** both fell from short stepladders recently and are mending; Willard broke several ribs...Wa those little ladders, everybody!...**Helene Ellis** has had arthroscopic surgery for her recent knee injury and is recovering at home, looking now for a better outcome...

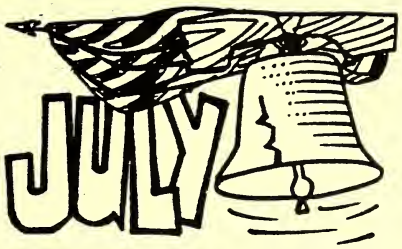
Thanks to **Nora Griswold** for providing a lovely fern and stand for an adult Sunday School classroom at the church.

CHURCHWIDE DINNER FOR MISSION SPEAKERS

The Mission Board is planning a simple evening meal Thursday, July 18th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish House. (More information about this meal will be announced at worship since there won't be another TORCH before the event.) Doug and Denise Long, who served as Habitat for Humanity International partners in Mexico, have returned this area to raise funds for the Puebla-Veracruz Habitat project. Since part of the mission component of our Seco Century Fund is pledged to this project, we welcome an opportunity to hear from Doug and Denise, who have spent several months there, and who will have an interesting an illustrated story to tell.

Please mark the date on your calendar and plan to attend.

JULY CALENDAR



1	-	10:30 a.m.	Circle 1
2	-	7:30 p.m.	Circle 3
		7:30 p.m.	Church Council & Study
3	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
7	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
10	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
14	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
17	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
18	-	6:30 p.m.	Mission Board Dinner
		7:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees
21	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
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24	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
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25	-	7:30 p.m.	Board of Missions
28	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
31	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
DURING THE 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

Greeters / Flowers

July 7	Dee and Mona Atkinson	Edgerton
14	Lohr and Vera Dixon	Mayse
21	Ann Reynolds and Mary Shaw Cunningham	Sutton
28	Don and Wilma Williamson	Blanchard

Acolytes

July 7	Drew McLelland and Matthew Mayse
14	Matthew Woody and Chris Harris
21	Scott Williamson and Heidi Troxler
28	Amy Rose and Tara McKenna

Ushers

July 7	Mike Mayse, Earl Parker, John Hemphill, Lohr Dixon, Dee Atkinson, Don Williamson.
14	Steve Perry, Brian Rose, Martin Rose, Robin Woody, Rob Woody, Stan Willard, Floyd Rich.
21	Ken Harper, Louis Wilkins, Beth Wilkins, John Hemphill.
28	Macon Albertson, Brian Harper, Ryan Harris, Gayland Welborn, Cile Welborn, George Troxler.

Nursery

July 7	Shirley Beyer	21	Andrea Albertson
14	Lou Harper	28	Cile Welborn

Child Care During Worship

July 7	Cile Welborn and Rob Woody
14	Marie or Jeff Wilkins and Katie Brown
21	Louis Wilkins and Jamie Brown
28	Jane McLelland and Brian Harper

Church Attendance for June

2	-	103	16	-	116
9	-	126	23	-	98

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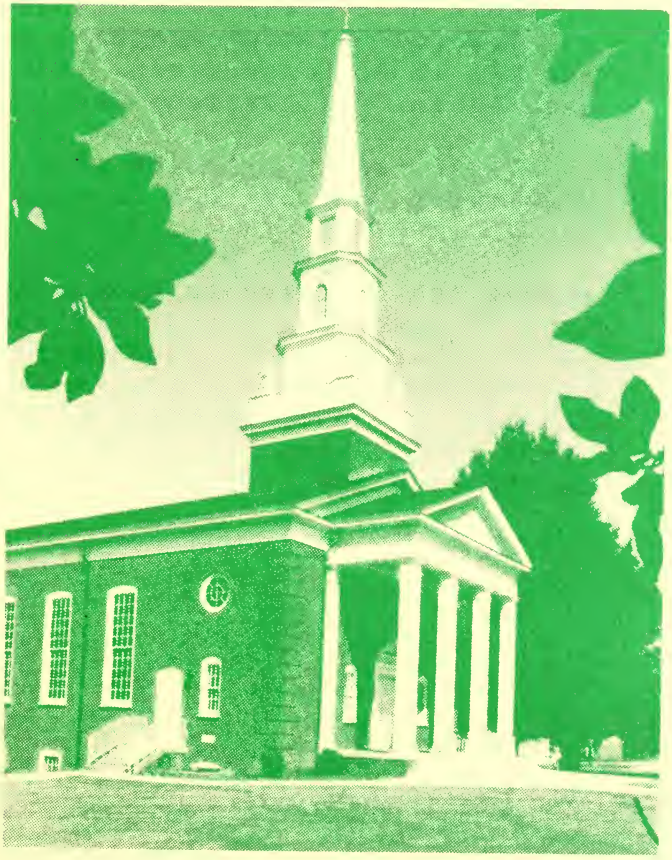

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WHEN THE ALTAR CANDLES ARE LIT FOR WORSHIP

July 21st. Ninth Sunday after Pentecost.

Dr. Irvine will preach from II Samuel 11:1-15 on "The Downhill Slide." Hymns will include "Awake, My Soul, and With the Sun," "In the Hour of Trial," and "Soldiers of Christ, Arise."

(Rev. Lyon will be taking a vacation week in Mississippi with her family beginning after worship July 21st. She expects to be back in her office Monday evening, July 29th.)

July 28th. Homecoming Sunday (10th after Pentecost).

"The Place Just Right" will be the subject of Dr. Irvine's Homecoming sermon, based on Psalm 16:5-6. Hymns will include "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee," "Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated," and "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." A covered-dish lunch will follow the service.

(Dr. and Mrs. Irvine will take a brief vacation trip to Wilmington July 29-31. He will be back in the office August 1st.)

August 4th. Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost.

""Bread That Lasts" will be the subject of our senior pastor's meditation, based on John 6:24-35. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated. Hymns will include "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven,""The King of Love My Shepherd Is," and "Break Thou the Bread of Life." Workers in the Vacation Church School will be commissioned.

HOMECOMING WELCOME MAT OUT FOR JULY 28TH

Our annual Homecoming Day celebration will feature this year for returning friends from years gone by an opportunity to see our revision of the Parish House, where we will be enjoying a traditional E.C.C.C. covered-dish meal in more spacious and upgraded facilities. So plan to be with us for the day! We have completed our Centennial Year celebration but your presence will help us extend the spirit of excitement that has been generated by those events.

Come for Sunday School at 9:45, worship at 11, and plan to stay through the meal. Dr. Irvine will preach on "The Place Just Right" from Psalm 16 during the worship hour. We hope to see you!

TORCHGLEAMS

Congratulations to **Warren and Virginia Jeffries** on their 50th wedding anniversary, June 28th...

And congratulations also to **Heidi Danieley** who was chosen Teacher of the Year in the Burlington City School system. Unfortunately the honor did not keep her from losing her position in the current financial crunch...

Kenneth Hughes was hospitalized at Memorial in Burlington on July 10th...**Junior Bare** is back home recuperating after a trip to Duke Hospital...**Estelle Perry** is sidelined from work by a leg problem...

Sympathy to **Wally and Nell Snyder and their family in the death of Wally's mother, Rita, who lived near Elkton, VA,** on July 1st. **Bill and Cary Andes** drove up to attend the funeral at Bethel Church on July 4th...

Faye Conally was the subject of a feature write-up in the July issue of Second Monday, the Elon College personnel newsletter, for being Elon's "most dedicated baseball fan"...

Because of a couple of recent incidents we are locking the main office during worship hour. Emergency access to a phone can be had in Betty Walker's office. Please be aware of security needs and don't leave belongings unprotected...

Beth Lyon has been accepted into the Master of Theology program at Duke Divinity School this fall. She will do this on a part-time basis and will take two years to complete the degree. She will major in theology and ethics and minor in historical studies. This will not reduce the number of hours Beth works for the church...

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THE FLOWER CALENDAR for 1991-1992 September - August, is currently being compiled. If you would like to arrange to have flowers in Church on a particular Sunday please contact Jackie Pendergrass at 584-7547 or Carey Andes at 584-3310.

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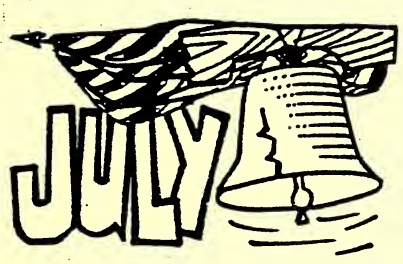

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR PERIOD ENDING
Jun 30 1991

	1990 ACTUAL	1991 BUDGET	BUDGET TO DATE	AC TO
SOURCES OF INCOME				
Total Pledged Income	114,633.12	123,075.00	57,845.25	53,21
Total Special Contributions	7,429.28	7,425.00	3,475.00	4,65
Total Loose Offerings	3,179.98	3,149.00	1,480.03	1,89
Total Interest Earned	1,175.19	1,097.00	548.50	47
Total Fund Raising	301.01	577.00	26.00	68
Total Rental Income	3,442.10	3,082.00	1,598.18	78
Total Miscellaneous Receipts	2,431.59	1,800.00	886.35	22
TOTAL REVENUE	132,592.27	140,205.00	65,859.31	61,93
EXPENDITURES				
Total Local Mission	4,848.89	4,875.00	1,837.00	3,44
Total UCC Ministries	14,705.25	13,425.00	6,298.00	6,16
Total World Ministries	2,258.38	2,350.00	300.00	99.
Total Other Mission Expense	0.00	100.00	0.00	
TOTAL MISSIONS	21,812.52	20,750.00	8,435.00	10,59
Total Worship Services	1,108.46	1,225.00	707.50	47
Total Evangelism	613.51	1,200.00	608.00	82
Total Music Programs	9,311.85	11,528.00	5,764.00	5,38
TOTAL WORSHIP AND EVANGELISM	11,033.82	13,953.00	7,079.50	6,68
Total Program - Christian Ed.	2,964.19	5,725.00	3,157.00	4,01
Total Personnel - Christian Ed.	11,042.08	11,765.00	5,382.50	5,88
TOTAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	14,006.27	17,490.00	8,539.50	9,89
Total Building Expense	26,943.18	28,520.00	15,724.00	14,30
Total Personnel	6,692.90	6,567.00	3,283.50	3,28
Total Operating Expense	1,958.21	2,160.00	1,260.00	1,00
TOTAL CHURCH FACILITIES	35,594.29	37,247.00	20,267.50	18,59
Total Program	316.67	340.00	0.00	
Total Personnel	48,418.40	49,564.00	24,782.00	24,74
Total Operating Expense	0.00	350.00	0.00	
TOTAL LEADERSHIP	48,735.07	50,254.00	24,782.00	24,74
TOTAL OTHER	0.00	0.00	0.00	30
TOTAL EXPENSE	131,181.97	139,694.00	69,103.50	70,81
EXCESS/(DEF) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSE	1,410.30	511.00	(3,244.19)	(8,87

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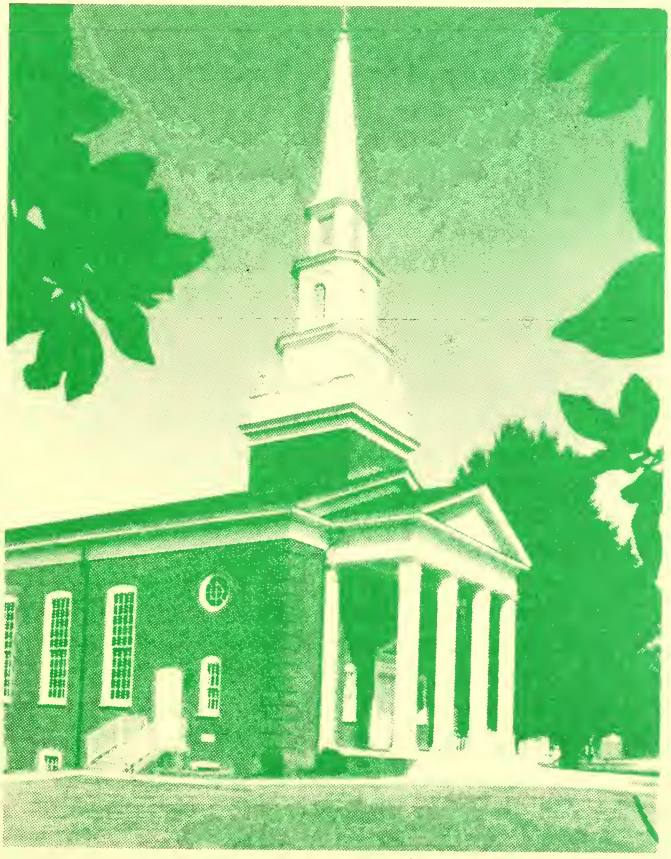

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August 11th. Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost.

"Religion in the Common Things" will be our senior pastor's sermon, from Ephesians 4:25-5:2. Hymns will include "Holy! Holy! Holy!," "Christian, Rise and Act T Creed," and "Fill Thou My Life, O Lord My God."

August 18th. Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost; "Football Sunday."

Our guest preacher will be the Rev. Jim Snow III, wh is pastor of Scott Memorial United Methodist Church in Virginia Beach, VA. He is a graduate of Elon College in class of 1974, played on the football team, and worked at Elon Homes for Children. He was converted to the Christi faith and called into the ministry at a "Football Sunday" service here early in his college career. His sermon wil be entitled "Running the Race of Life" from Hebrews 12:1- Hymns will include "I Sing the Mighty Power of God," "Lo I Want To Be A Christian," and "O Master Workman of the Race."

Dr Irvine will be vacationing at his parents' in Virginia August 14 through 19.

August 25th. Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost.

Dr. Irvine will return to the pulpit and will preach "Bless You!" from II Samuel 23:1-7 and Psalm 67. Hymns w be "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling," "Jesus, Thou Joy o Loving Hearts," and "Break Thou the Bread of Life."

WORK TO BEGIN ON SANCTUARY REDECORATION AUGUST 5TH

After 32 years, our sanctuary will receive its first thoroughgoing redecoration. With the approval of the Church Council, the Trustees have signed a contract with Church Interiors, Inc., of High Point, NC, to do the complete job, which at this time will consist of: refinishing the ceiling with acoustical tile; repairing cracks in the plaster and walls; painting walls and woodwork; replacing the pew cushions; and replacing the sanctuary and bride's room rugs and adding rugs to the narthex, vestibule, and stairs in the east stairwell. All other work, including refinishing and repainting of pews and installation of chandeliers or lanterns, has been deferred to a future time. The cost of the contract is $37,802.40. These funds are part of our Second Century Campaign.

The Trustees had earlier appointed a committee consisting of Jean Simons, Mary Butler, Edith Brannock, John Irvine, and Lucille Stone (the interior designer at Elon College) to prepare several possible color schemes for the congregation to view before choice of the new color arrangement would be made. Harvey Hook, as chairman of the Trustees, also met with the committee in several of its meetings.

In the course of the committee's work, the firm of Church Interiors, Inc., was contacted and invited to send representatives to meet with the committee. This company now does business in 22 states and its list of North Carolina churches served is amazingly lengthy. The committee was deeply impressed by Jay Lambeth, the salesman (himself a Baptist minister); Ms. Paige French, the company's interior designer, and Jerry Metcalf, head of the company's painting crew. Their expertise was quickly evident and they suggested some creative ideas that our group had not thought of. They were equally appreciative of the homework and preparation our committee had already accomplished and the skills of the committee members. It was very easy to reach a meeting of the minds on the various color schemes. When their bid for the work proved competitive the committee was delighted to recommend their proposal to the Trustees and we anticipate a happy working relationship.

This company only does business with churches, and ha a policy of working in such a way as to enable a church to continue to worship on Sundays in its sanctuary as the wor progresses. We anticipate, therefore, that we will not ha to move to a different location during the renovation period, which will probably only require four weeks-- meaning we ought to be able to begin September with a "new look." Be prepared, however, to coexist with some scaffolding on several Sundays as the work is under way.

The committee decided to prepare possible schemes in three primary colors: red, blue, and green. The specific colors (rugs and pew cushions are matched with the same dy used) chosen were "Cathedral Red," "Monet Blue," and "Everglades Green." Samples of fabrics in these colors ar on view at the church. Jean Simons has prepared a lovely, highly detailed water-color sketch of how each of the thre would look, viewed from the balcony. You may see these at the church.

Three different light shades of paint will be used on the walls and woodwork. The wall color is a warm tone somewhat close to a sand, called "mushroom," and is used o a number of rooms on the Elon College campus. This wall color arrangement would be used with any of the three primary colors. The area behind the cross, within the chancel, will be covered by a dossal or curtain which is i the same fabric and color used on the pew cushions. The pilasters surrounding the dossal will be painted the light white of the two shades used, as will most of the molding near the ceiling. One flat vertical surface within that molding will be painted the more off-white shade, in an effort to enable our beautiful plaster work to stand out a little in a way it presently does not. That more off-whit shade will also be used on the rest of the wainscoting and windows and shutters.

The rug down the center aisle will be cut wider at the entrance to each pew so as to actually go halfway in the width of the pew end. When you stand in the center aisle and look down it, at a distance you will not be able to see the bare floor under the pews because of this sligh widening at the pew entrances.

Around the perimeter of the narthex, there will be a border in the same primary color used in the sanctuary and bride's room, except where the front doors open. There and in the middle, a carpet of complex colors will be used to minimize showing dirt. A sample of this carpet is available at the church, showing how it is keyed to the primary color. The complex colored carpet will also be used throughout the vestibule where one enters by the door on the south side, but the stairs will be carpeted in the primary color, both up to the balcony and down to the lower floor.

The present organ chamber screens will be replaced by cloth dyed the same color as the "mushroom" paint to be used on the walls, so that the screens will appear less prominent than they now do.

We had originally hoped to secure voting by members of the church on their preferred color scheme over a period of several weeks, but when the company informed us at the signing of the contract that they could fit us into their schedule either beginning August 5th or in October, we of course opted for the earlier date. Since each church's rug and pew cushions are a separate special order requiring lead time, if the work was to progress directly to completion, we needed to give them the color we wanted without delay. Jean Simons worked hard and finished up her three watercolors by Homecoming Sunday, July 28th, and we requested all members present that day to vote on their preference. The results established a clear preponderance of sentiment for a primary color of red. The votes that were properly signed totaled: red 44, blue 22, and green 15. Four or five members wanted to continue with the present colors. That means red received over 50% of the ballots. (Incidentally, red was the color the committee favored also.) You can see the chosen watercolor and samples of fabrics to be used in the narthex on Sunday, August 4th, when you come to worship, or in the church office during office hours.

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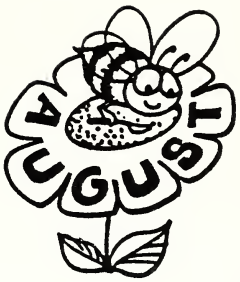
AUGUST CALENDAR



1 - 7:30 p.m. Callahan study #4, Church Council and others

4 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

5 - 9:00 a.m. Vacation Church School begins
7:30 p.m. Circle 2
Softball tournament begins

6 - 7:30 p.m. Parsonage Meeting

7 - 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

8 - 7:30 p.m. Board of Deacons

10 - 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Bar-b-que Lunch and Supper
Haw River Christian Church - All proceeds to the District Men's Fellowship Scholarship Fund.

11 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
7:00 p.m. Handbell Choir

12 - 7:00 p.m. Personnel Committee

14 - 9:00 a.m. Mother's Morning Out

15 - 7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees

18 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
7:00 p.m. Handbell Choir

21 - 9:00 a.m. Mother's Morning Out

22 - 7:00 p.m. Board of Missions

25 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

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AUGUST CALENDAR - continued -

28 - 9:00 a.m. Mother's Morning Out
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

29 - 7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting

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UPDATE! We have collected $319.00 to be sent to Church World Services for world relief. Thanks to each of you who contributed to this important offering. We will not be sending this to CWS until the end of August if you would still like to contribute.

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The following scouts attended Webelos Camp at Camp Cherokee July 25 - 28, with Henry Buckner and Judy Wyrick as leaders.

Nathan Gill
Kevin Russell
Joshua Moody
Andy Shutt
Brennon Stifford
Patrick Byrnett
Kyle Wall
T. J. Stecker
Paul Jarrett
Walter McPherson
Joshua Adams
Justin Buckner
Gray Currin
Roger Rollins

TORCHGLEAMS

Sympathy to **Bill Long** and his family in the death of his wife, **Marjorie**, on July 25th, after a difficult progression through cancer since early April. A memorial service was conducted at the church on July 28th by the Revs. Rod Reinecke, Charlie Williams, and John Irvine...

Sympathy also to **Ann and Earl Vickers** in the death of Ann's father, Robert Luther Joyce, Sr., at Twin Lakes on July 28th. Ann's mother is also a patient there. Funeral services were in Martinsville, VA, on the 30th...

Kenneth Hughes has left Alamance Memorial Hospital and is presently in Respite Room # 2 on the third floor of the Twin Lakes main building...

We have received word that Al Hassell, husband of Penny Updyke Hassell, is in a second stage of luekemia and would like to hear from his friends at Elon. His address is 144 S. Halifax Ave. #84, Daytona Beach, FL 32118...

RECEIPTS RUNNING BEHIND THIS SUMMER

Our church treasurer, John Ketcham, tells us that for the first time since he took over the job, he is in danger of having to cash in the church's CD early (and take a penalty) in order to get us through the traditional summer slowdown in giving. If you are in arrears with your church pledge or could afford to get a little ahead on yours right now, please help the church out with your contributions. Thank you.

BOARD OF MISSIONS "MEXICAN DINNER"

On Thursday evening, July 18th, the Board of Missions held a salad/potato bar dinner in our Parish House to learn more about the Habitat for Humanity project in Mexico.

We had approximately 40 people to attend the dinner and hear our speaker, Mrs. Denise Long. Denise and her husband, Doug, along with their children have just returned from a two month stay in Mexico helping a community prepare for their habitat houses.

Denise gave a very interesting talk along with a slide presentation about the conditions and problems they faced while in Mexico. She told us how excited the people in this community are about the habitat project, and how well they worked as a team to make everything come together for the building of the houses.

Denise also expressed a concern over the lack of funds for the project. Each house built costs approximately $1,500. US. The proceeds after expenses from our dinner will go to this very worth-while project. Anyone else wishing to contribute may do so by sending your checks to the church office made out to the Elon College Community Church and marked Habitat for Humanity Mexican Mission. We ask they be received during the month of August, 1991. We will notify everyone in the TORCH of the amount received.

A special thank you to all who participated in our dinner. A special thank you also to Dr. Paul Cheek for his donation of tomatoes, and Dr. and Mrs. Earl Danieley for their contribution of tomatoes and flowers for our buffet table and dining tables.

Jimma Causey
Board of Missions

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HOMES NEEDED FOR VISITING YOUTH AUGUST 17

A group of young people from the Evangelical Church in Germany will be visiting in the Southern Conference during the next several weeks. The Rev. Dick Rinker of our Conference staff has asked if our church could provide 3-4 families to host some of these young people the last night of their visit here, Saturday, August 17th. They will be in Burlington after a few days at the beach and fly home from Greensboro early Sunday morning. (Hosting them does not involve providing transportation to the airport next morning.) If you would be willing to take one or more please call the church office.

BUILDING FUND MEMORIALS

January 1, 1991 - July 31, 1991

MR. SAMUEL FOSTER

Miss Caroline Powell
Miss Elna Huey

MRS. EVELLA B. SUTTON
Miss Caroline Powell
Miss Elna Huey

MRS. RUTH MILLER
Mrs. Lois M. Bost

MRS. ANNA LOIS DIXON
Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Brafford
Mrs. Lois M. Bost

MRS. ANNIE RUTH PARKER
Mr. Henry H. Kimrey
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Oxford

MRS. ADELIA J. TRUITT
Miss Caroline Powell
Miss Ruth Dunn
Mr. Watt Jones
Mrs. T. E. Powell, Jr.
Mrs. Dorothy Clem
Miss Elna Huey
Mrs. Mary Shaw Cunningham
Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Vickers
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bowman

MRS. NELLIE OXFORD McNAIR
Lt.Col. & Mrs. Dariel Burchfield
Mr. and Mrs. Stan Willard
Mrs. Lois M. Bost

MRS. LILLIE S. WAUGH
Miss Caroline Powell

MR. RICHARD R. ROSE, JR.
Mr. and Mrs. Stan Willard
Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Terrell

MR. TOM LYON
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Mrs. Lois M. Bost

MR. AND MRS. WILKES E. LOWE
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Edgerton

MRS. RITA W. SNYDER
Adult Sunday School Class
Mr. and Mrs. Stan Willard
Mrs. Lois M. Bost

MRS. FANNIE COLEMAN HUGHES
Miss Elna Huey

MR. JAMES FLEMING LOVETTE, SR.
Miss Winifred Barney

MR. ROBERT LUTHER JOYCE, SR.
Mrs. Lois M. Bost

MRS. HATTIE BROWN TROXLER
Mr. and Mrs. Earl W. Vickers
Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Price, Jr.
Mrs. Lois M. Bost

MR. A. MARION JOHNSON
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Conally
Dr. and Mrs. Frederic T. Watts
Mrs. Lois M. Bost

DR. W. W. SLOAN
Adult Sunday School Class
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Oxford
Mr. and Mrs. Roland Longest

MRS. MARJORIE L. LONG
Mrs. Lois M. Bost

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BUILDING FUND MEMORIALS - continued -

MRS. PATTIE T. WALL

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy S. Hughes
Mrs. Lois M. Bost
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Franks
Miss Dorothy Brittle
Mrs. Mary Shaw Cunningham
Mrs. L. D. Martin
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth K. Hughes
Mr. and Mrs. John D. Schmidt
Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Loy, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Cary R. Matlock
The Roger Beauchesne Family
Mrs. Catherine R. Purdy
Mrs. A. N. Edmonds
Mr. and Mrs. Harold B. Wall
Mr. Ray A. Whitesell
Dr. Don C. Chaplen
Mr. and Mrs. Earl W. Vickers
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Lankford
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Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Oxford
Mr. and Mrs. Bennett H. Wall
Mr. and Mrs. John Hanzel
Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Yarborough
Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred Bowman
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lowe
Mr. and Mrs. Fred D. Turnage
Mr. and Mrs. Roland Longest
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Loy
Mr. and Mrs. William Pendergrass
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Neeley
Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Terrell
Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Andes

Lois M. Bost
July 31, 1991

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1 - T. Edward Powell III

2 - Melinda T. Reinheimer

3 - David Harper
Heather Jordan

4 - Robert F. Woody III

9 - Tim Vickers

10 - Charles Terrell

11 - Kenneth Hughes
Mona Covington

12 - Maria Parker Smith
Laura Brown

13 - Alfred Hurst
Katie Brown
Norma Matlock

17 - Malvin Artley
Del Atkinson
Lorie Ann Smith
Matthew Mayse

18 - Sandy Allen

19 - Mary Louise Boyd
W. R. Pendergrass

21 - Thomas L. Smith
Greg Bunting
Meg Wilkins

22 - Frances Powell
Dana Currin Holt

23 - Kay Allen

24 - Nathan Allen

25 - Sheldon Cheek
Graham Cheek
Macon Albertson

26 - Ruth Dunn

29 - Elna Huey

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
DURING THE 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

Greeters / Flowers

	Greeters	Flowers
Aug. 4	Eugene and Kathleen Lankford	Griswold
11	Earl and Verona Danieley	T. Parker
18	Martin and Edith Shotzberger	Jeffreys
25	Don and Wilma Williamson	Pendergrass

Acolytes

Aug. 4	Crystal Bradley and Elizabeth Mayse
11	Marie Acquilano and Emily Woody
18	Vega Herold and Lydia Troxler
25	Sara Hemphill and Meg Wilkins

Ushers

Aug. 4	Mike Mayse, Earl Parker, John Hemphill, Lohr Dixon, Dee Atkinson, Don Williamson.
11	Steve Perry, Brian Rose, Martin Rose, Robin Woody, Rob Woody, Stan Willard, Floyd Rich.
18	Ken Harper, Louis Wilkins, Beth Wilkins, John Hemphill.
25	Macon Albertson, Brian Harper, Ryan Harris, Gayland Welborn, Cile Welborn, George Troxler.

Nursery

Aug. 4	Ellie Ketcham
12	Helene Ellis
18	Lou Harper
25	Kay Hensley

Church Attendance for July

7	-	96	21	-	118
14	-	122	28	-	130

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August 14, 1991

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Pastors Emeriti
Rev. Beth Gassert Lyon,
Associate Pastor

THE TORCH

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WHEN THE ALTAR CANDLES ARE LIT FOR WORSHIP

August 18th. Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost; "Football Sunday."

Our guest preacher will be the Rev. Jim Snow III, who is pastor of Scott Memorial United Methodist Church in Virginia Beach, VA. He is a graduate of Elon College in the class of 1974, played on the football team, and worked at Elon Homes for Children. He was converted to the Christian faith and called into the ministry at a "Football Sunday" service here early in his college career. His sermon will be entitled "How To Be The Greatest" from Mark 9:30-37. Hymns will include "I Sing the Mighty Power of God," "Lord, I Want To Be A Christian," and "O Master Workman of the Race."

Dr. Irvine will be vacationing at his parents' in Virginia leaving Wednesday, August 14. He will be back in the office the following Wednesday morning. The Deacon to contact for emergency pastoral needs during his absence is Shirley Beyer (office 228-1720; home 584-6911).

August 25th. Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost.

Dr. Irvine will return to the pulpit and will preach on "Bless You!" from II Samuel 23:1-7 and Psalm 67. Hymns will be "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling," "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts," and "Break Thou the Bread of Life."

September 1st. Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost.

"Cleft To The Heart" will be Dr. Irvine's sermon on Ephesians 6:10-20 and Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23. Hymns will include "From All That Dwell Below the Skies," "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine," and "Soldiers of Christ, Arise."

September 8th. Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost; Student Sunday.

Our senior pastor will preach from Proverbs 2:1-11 and Mark 7:31-37 on "The Sighing Christ." Hymns to be sung are "Joy to the World," "Jesus Calls Us," and "Master, No Offering, Costly and Sweet." After worship there will be our annual Student Sunday pot-luck luncheon in the Parish House.

THE MODERATOR'S RELAY

[With this issue we begin a space where our moderator will take a turn. This particular moderator being very athletic, we are letting him "carry the TORCH" like an Olympic runner, and naming his column "Relay."]

Wonderful, exciting, promising--and many other words would describe how great it is to have the redecoration work under way in our sanctuarty. Thanks to all who have made this possible. Join us for worship each Sunday and enjoy the progress while the work is being done.

Head Start of Alamance will be using our facilities during this school year for a class of about 16 children from this area. This program, funded by the Federal government, is designed to prepare 4-year-olds for public kindergarten.

We have agreed to rent the Parish House to the College for use by the bookstore during the textbook buying period this fall. In addition to the rent, the College has repaired the locks on the outside doors, will provide space for all groups which would be using the Parish House during this period, and will install a telephone line to the building for us without charge. We will probably want to make a similar arrangement again in early February for the Spring Semester. Student Sunday is scheduled for September 8th and the Parish House will be available for our use at that time.

This is the first "Moderator's Relay." I appreciate Pastor Irvine giving me the opportunity to share some news and views with you on a regular basis.

- Ray Covington, Moderator

FALL CHURCH SCHOOL CELEBRATION

On Sunday, September 8th, at 9:45 a.m. in the Youth Room there will be a special celebration, complete with light refreshments, to honor out-going church school teachers Maxine Rich, Nancy Lu Irvine, and Katie Brown; and to celebrate the teaching ministry of Sue Brown, Elizabeth Raker, and Nora Griswold, who will teach 3-5 year olds; Ellie Ketcham and Marie Wilkins who will teach 4th and 5th graders; Eileen McKenna and Ray Covington, who will teach Middle Highs, and John and Susan Hemphill, Ken Harper, Louis Wilkins, Al Carpenter, John Irvine, Marsh McLelland, Earl Danieley, Wally Snyder and Harvey Hook who will continue to teach adults. Classes will begin at 10 a.m. See you there!

- the Board of Christian Education

MIDDLE HIGH NEWS

There will be a special meeting for all parents of Middle High Youth on Sunday, August 18th, at 4 p.m. in the Youth Room. Many of you have expressed an interest in having a program on faith and human sexuality for this age group. I need your input for this project! If you have any thoughts on the subject but can't attend, please see Beth.

YETS NEWS

There will be a pot-luck supper for YETS members, their parents, and anyone who is interested in another YETS trip this year and wants to find out more, and their parents. It will be held on Sunday, August 25th, at 5:30 in the Seekers' Classroom. Plerase bring a dish to share and any pictures you may have of this past June's trip.

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE MEETING SET:

Tuesday, September 3rd, 7:30 p.m., Seekers' Classroom

TORCHGLEAMS

Our sympathy to the **Acquilano** family in the death of **Ann's** grandmother, Elizabeth Near, on August 5th in Sherman, New York...

Junior Bare has requested that his status be changed from associate member to full membership in this church and the Board of Deacons has concurred. He was at County Hospital for tests on Monday, August 12th, but will not have to return to Duke Medical Center as was erroneously reported at worship on the 11th...

Special congratulations to our Pastor Emeritus, Dr. **Alfred Hurst**, on his 89th birthday August 13th. He is looking forward to a visit from his son Jim and his wife in the near future...**Kenneth Hughes** had a roomful of birthday well-wishers at Twin Lakes on the 11th as he turned 79...Our other Pastor Emeritus, Bill Andes, with his wife Carey, flew to New Hampshire for a visit with their son and his family over last weekend...

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT SEMINAR PLANNED

The Board of Christian Education will sponsor a Marriage Enrichment Seminar September 19, 26, and October 3 from 7:30 to 9 pm. It will be led by Ann and Dennis Wooten, who are members of A.C.M.E. (Association of Couples in Marriage Enrichment). The seminar is open to all married couples, and its purpose is to stengthen healthy marriages. There is no cost for the seminar. Child care will be available for a small fee. You can register by contacting the church office.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL NOTES

The church was a lively place this past week as 42 children learned about living as a disciple of Jesus, worked on craft projects, sang songs, and played on our playground. Our theme was "Share God's Blessings," and the materials from Augsburg Press were much appreciated by teachers and students alike.

One unusual feature of this year's VCS was that of the 42 children who attended, only 15 were from families of church members. Many of our "regulars" were out of town. There were 4 grandchildren or great-grandchildren of members, and the rest were from the community. Many had contact with the church through Mom's Morning Out, the Cub Scouts, or the Youth program. Outreach visits are being made to many homes as a result.

Many people worked very hard to make this event possible. One week of VCS is the equivalent of 15 weeks of Sunday School and takes every bit as much work! The teachers were: Preschool, Sue Brown, assisted by Beth Tickle, Nikki Lassiter, and Heidi Troxler; Primary, Nancy Lu Irvine, assisted by Amy Rose and Jamie Brown; Junior, Cile Welborn, assisted by Emily Woody; Music, Heidi Danieley; Recreation, Katie Brown, Brian Harper, and Harvey Hook. Nora Griswold and Jackie Pendergrass proved hospitality by welcoming and registering students and serving a snack each day.

This was probably the smoothest VCS ever and the most consistently attended by the students enrolled. Many thanks to all the hard workers who made it possible. Thanks also to our faithful and talented church photographer, Paul Cheek, who recorded it all on film, making a slide show for the parents possible at the end of the week.

I guess that I should add for the record that I taught a youth class this year for rising 6th and 7th graders which was quite well attended. I expect that we will have a middle high class again next year. VCS and the middle high youth group continue to give us a great deal of outreach among this age group.

Beth

NEW MEMBER: BRYDEN MANNING

Bryden joined our church recently on letter of transfer from the Church of the Holy Trinity in Middletown, Connecticut. She and her 8-year-old son Chris live at 1909 Routh Road, Burlington, with assorted pets: a turtle, a cockatiel, a kitten, a dog, and a number of hermit crabs.

Bryden is a native of Durham and comes from a family of medical and legal professionals. Her father, before his retirement, was chief of staff at Watts Hospital (now Durham County General Hospital), and a brother is a Durham physician; a sister is a nurse in Ithaca, NY. Her parents still live in Durham. Bryden attended Randolph-Macon Women's College and graduated from UNC in Chapel Hill. She worked for a while as a sociologist, then a reporter and editor and researcher. She lived in Canada for a time doing post-graduate study and working for a newspaper. Returning to North Carolina, she worked in medical public relations, and served as director of public relations for Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill for a while.

In 1976 she entered the University of Connecticut Law School, and after graduating, worked for The Travelers Insurance Company in personal injury defense cases. Later the company sent her back to North Carolina to be General Counsel for Bankers and Shippers Insurance Company, a subsidiary of The Travelers.

Bryden enjoys writing when she has time: essays and fiction. Reading is another hobby; she particularly enjoys espionage tales and spiritual growth books. Photographing children is another hobby, and she and Chris enjoy bike riding and going to the beach (they have a place in Southport). She looks forward to going Christmas caroling with the church group. Since her present job does not get her into court very often, she looks forward to helping Ellie Ketcham with the legal side of the Guardian Ad Litem program Ellie runs (which provides a neutral advocate for children who are the subject of litigation in court).

E.C.C.C. SOFTBALL TEAM WINS CHAMPIONSHIP

Congratulations to our church's softball team which w the "A" division championship in the United Church of Chri Softball League by going undefeated in six games last week. After winning a squeaker against an unbeaten Carolina UCC team on Friday, the Elon squad defeated New Mission UCC, which had taken last year's trophy, Saturday morning; and then handily defeated Carolina again in the championship game. The team came back with a fine wall trophy for its efforts. Two years ago the team had won the championship.

We salute these fellows who played on this year's tea John Barbee, Lynn Baxter, Bill Blanchard (captain), Keith Fogleman, Jimmy Gover, Terry Ham, Brian and Ken Harper, Barry King, Paul and Phil Lloyd, Eddie Oliver, Casey Roberts, Brian and Martin Rose, Gayland Welborn, Chris and Jim Worst.

NEW BUILDING BEING FINISHED AT ELON HOMES FOR CHILDREN

Members of the congregation are invited to attend a ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony for the new Barring Center for Child Development on the Snyder Campus on Sunda afternoon, August 18th, at 3:00, with an open house following.

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14	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
15	-	7:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees
18	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
21	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
22	-	7:00 p.m.	Board of Missions
25	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		12:15 p.m.	Discover Fellowship
28	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR PERIOD ENDING
July 31 1991

	1990 ACTUAL	1991 BUDGET	BUDGET TO DATE	ACTU TO DA
SOURCES OF INCOME				
Total Pledged Income	114,633.12	123,075.00	65,229.75	61,718.
Total Special Contributions	7,429.28	7,425.00	3,897.00	4,872.
Total Loose Offerings	3,179.98	3,149.00	1,668.97	2,215.
Total Interest Earned	1,175.19	1,097.00	548.50	479.
Total Fund Raising	301.01	577.00	26.00	687.
Total Rental Income	3,442.10	3,082.00	1,940.74	783.
Total Miscellaneous Receipts	2,431.59	1,800.00	995.55	225.
TOTAL REVENUE	132,592.27	140,205.00	74,306.51	70,982.
EXPENDITURES				
Total Local Mission	4,848.89	4,875.00	2,095.00	3,607.
Total UCC Ministries	14,705.25	13,425.00	7,297.00	6,164.
Total World Ministries	2,258.38	2,350.00	300.00	992.
Total Other Mission Expense	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.
TOTAL MISSIONS	21,812.52	20,750.00	9,692.00	10,763.
Total Worship Services	1,108.46	1,225.00	707.50	475.
Total Evangelism	613.51	1,200.00	608.00	846.
Total Music Programs	9,311.85	11,528.00	6,526.24	5,905.
TOTAL WORSHIP AND EVANGELISM	11,033.82	13,953.00	7,841.74	7,226.
Total Program - Christian Ed.	2,964.19	5,725.00	3,267.00	4,300.
Total Personnel - Christian Ed.	11,042.08	11,765.00	6,243.70	6,624.
TOTAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	14,006.27	17,490.00	9,510.70	10,925.
Total Building Expense	26,943.18	28,520.00	17,820.00	15,654.
Total Personnel	6,692.90	6,567.00	3,808.86	3,676.
Total Operating Expense	1,958.21	2,160.00	1,404.00	1,063.
TOTAL CHURCH FACILITIES	35,594.29	37,247.00	23,032.86	20,395.
Total Program	316.67	340.00	0.00	0.
Total Personnel	48,418.40	49,564.00	27,973.36	27,116.
Total Operating Expense	0.00	350.00	0.00	0.
TOTAL LEADERSHIP	48,735.07	50,254.00	27,973.36	27,116.
TOTAL OTHER	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.
TOTAL EXPENSE	131,181.97	139,694.00	78,050.66	76,726.
EXCESS/(DEF) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSE	1,410.30	511.00	(3,744.15)	(5,744.

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September 8th. Student Sunday.

Dr. Irvine will begin this day a series of sermons on the Ten Commandments under the general heading "Old Foundations for a New Time." The first one will be entitled "Single God, Single Heart," and the Scripture readings will be Exodus 19:1-9, 16-19; 20:1-20. Hymns will include "Before Jehovah's Aweful Throne," "Be Thou My Vision," and "The God of Abraham Praise." After worship our annual Student Sunday pot-luck luncheon will be held.

September 15th.

The sermon on the Second Commandment will be entitled "No Usable God." Scriptures will include Exodus 20:4-6, Isaiah 44:9-20, Philippians 3:17-21, and I John 5:19-21. Hymns will be "Sing Praise To God Who Reigns Above." "Jesus Calls Us," and "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise."

September 22nd.

Dr. Irvine will preach on the Third Commandment; the sermon title will be "Cracking the Foundation." Scriptures will be Exodus 20:7, Leviticus 19:1-4, 9-18, Isaiah 48:1-2, 9-11, and Hebrews 6:13-18. Hymns will include "Our God, Our Help In Ages Past," "Immortal Love, Forever Full," and "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name."

September 29th.

The Rev. Richard McBride, Chaplain at Elon College, will be our guest preacher. Dr. and Mrs. Irvine will be away attending the 15th Anniversary celebration of Habitat for Humanity International in Columbus, Ohio. More details in a subsequent TORCH.

THE MODERATOR'S RELAY

Lowe Bequest

Our friend, Leffie Lowe, provided a bequest of $300 to the Church in her will. On being notified we had received these funds, the Trustees voted to place them in the Second Century Fund. We are grateful for the bequest and are also pleased she set such a good example for the rest of us. If you have not included our Church in your estate plans, I urge you to do so. If you would like to discuss including the Church in your will, I would be more than happy to have you call me.

College Students

As we begin the new school year, there will be many opportunities to extend our ministry to college students. Football Sunday was highly successful, and, hopefully, we will be seeing some of those students back from time to time. College students will be invited to stay for lunch on September 8th. Prepare some of your favorite food and enjoy this time with these visiting students who may choose our Church as their church home while they are in school.

Self Study

Our self-study group is continuing to work on the study of "Twelve Keys to an Effective Church" by Kennon Callahan. The next session, on September 5th at 7:30 p.m., will be led by Clair Myers. This study will provide the necessary background for some very important long range planning. You are invited to join us for this session.

Budgeting for 1992

Board chairmen and members, remember that September is the month during which you need to prepare your budget requests for 1992 for transmission to the Budget Committee by month's end.

- Ray Covington

TORCHGLEAMS

Our sympathy to **Katherine Fogelman** and her family; her brother, Franze Pritchette, died on August 25th...

A note from **Bill Long** says "Please convey to all church members our profound appreciation for their prayers and support. It made a real difference."...

Our custodian, **Chris Shoffner**, has begun work as a night-time security guard at Elon College. (He will continue as our custodian.) In the wee, wee hours of the first night of the new semester, Chris caught three thieves (non-students) taking equipment from student cars in one of the campus parking lots. The town policeman who came and arrested them told Chris he should put in for a raise...

Our sanctuary redecoration proceeds steadily; the green walls have now given way to a "mushroom" tint. Current estimates, always subject to revision, are that the work should be completed about September 4th...

Our problems with students parking in our lots should ease as the church's trustees and the college have agreed to designate the church's parking lots for faculty and staff parking, prohibiting general student parking. College security people will patrol our lots, and students who park on other than church business will be fined. The college is providing special adjustable signs which will indicate when the church reserves parking for its own use; faculty and staff will park elsewhere those days...

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT SEMINAR PLANNED

The Board of Christian Education will sponsor a Marriage Enrichment Seminar September 19, 26, and October 3 from 7:30 to 9 pm. It will be led by Ann and Dennis Wooten, who are members of A.C.M.E. (Association of Couples in Marriage Enrichment). The seminar is open to all married couples, and its purpose is to stengthen healthy marriages. There is no cost for the seminar. Child care will be available for a small fee. You can register by contacting the church office.

COMING SOON!!!

Elon Community Church

Terrific Thursdays

For children ages 4 years through 7th grade - beginning September 12.

4:30 Refreshments
4:45 Choir for 4, 5, and 6 year olds; activities for grades 2-7
5:00 Choir for grades 2-7; activities for other group
5:30 Dismissal for younger group; beginning handbells for grades 2-7

Be a part of this "Terrific Thursday!' See you Sept. 12.

Betty Walker

REGULAR ADULT CHOIR REHEARSALS RESUME

Regular rehearsals for the adult choir will resume Wednesday night, August 28, at 7:30 p.m. I would like to encourage any church member not already in the choir who enjoys singing to begin attending this fall. One need not be a soloist to sing in the group - just be able to stay on pitch and have a love of singing. This is a warm, welcoming group, and I am sure anyone who comes would enjoy the fellowship.

Betty Walker

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MIDDLE HIGH NEWS

Our first meeting of the fall will be a special scavenger hunt on Sunday, September 8 at 4 p.m. Do bring a friend. We'll also discuss plans for fall including an upcoming retreat.

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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 - Olga Griswold

3 - Nell Snyder

5 - W. E. Butler, Jr.

6 - Gertrude Liscum
Clair Myers

9 - Ann Vickers

10 - Lois Bost
Diana Terrell

12 - Mabel Veazey

13 - Carolyn Gabriel
Amy Rose

14 - Edward Simons
Vic Vickers
Louis Wilkins

15 - Andrew Lyon
April Smith
Brandi Smith

16 - Billy Blanchard
Mary Cheek
Brian Oxford
Shawn Ashley White

17 - Jennifer Easton
Scott Williamson

18 - Cile Welborn

19 - Shirlie Baxter
Matthew Woody

22 - Ray Covington
Allysa Lovell

23 - Melva Foster
Virginia Jeffreys
Tim Parker

24 - Jeff Martin

26 - Lois Luke
Myrtle Matlock

27 - Malvin Artley, Jr.
Elizabeth Braxton
Rebecca Lynn Perry
Emily Woody

28 - Jama Cunningham

30 - Zachary Brian Welborn

FALL CHURCH SCHOOL CELEBRATION

On Sunday, September 8th, at 9:45 a.m. in the Youth Room there will be a special celebration, complete with light refreshments, to honor out-going church school teachers Maxine Rich, Nancy Lu Irvine, and Katie Brown; a to celebrate the teaching ministry of Sue Brown, Elizabet Raker, and Nora Griswold, who will teach 3-5 year olds; Ellie Ketcham and Marie Wilkins who will teach 4th and 5t graders; Eileen McKenna and Ray Covington, who will teach Middle Highs, and John and Susan Hemphill, Ken Harper, Lo Wilkins, Al Carpenter, John Irvine, Marsh McLelland, Earl Danieley, Wally Snyder and Harvey Hook who will continue teach adults. Classes will begin at 10 a.m. See you the

- the Board of Christian Educat

Date 8/16/91

The Caring Program for Children appreciates your encouragement and financial support.

Your contribution of $100.00 will help provide primary and preventive health care for children who might not otherwise have access to that care.

Karen Mortimer
Executive Director

from Vacation Church School

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

1	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		12:15 p.m.	Discover Fellowship
		2:00 p.m.	Church School Teachers Meeting (Children and Youth)
		7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
3	-	7:30 p.m.	Evangelism Committee
4	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
5	-	7:30 p.m.	Callahan Study
8	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School Kick-off
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service - Student Sunday
		4:00 p.m.	Middle Highs
		4:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Executive Board
		7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
9	-	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship General Meeting Choral Center
11	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
12	-	4:30 p.m.	Terrific Thursdays
		7:30 p.m.	Board of Deacons
15	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
16	-	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
		7:30 p.m.	Parsonage Meeting
18	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
19	-	4:30 p.m.	Terrific Thursdays
		7:30 p.m.	Marriage Enrichment Seminar
		7:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees

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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR - continued -

22	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
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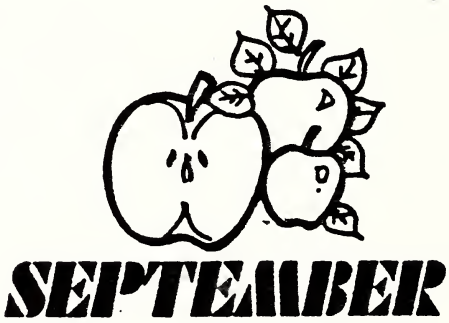

HEALTH CARE CONCERNS ADDRESSED IN DURHAM SEPT. 21

Are you concerned about the runaway costs of health insurance in our society, the increase in hospital and physician's bills, and whether you can afford nursing home care?

A **Health Care Workshop** addressing these issues will be held on Saturday, September 21st, at Pilgrim United Church of Christ in Durham from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. You can learn about the present situation, what is contributing to the crisis, and what can be done to make medical care more affordable and accessible to all.

Speakers will include Lynice Williams of North Carolina Fair Share; Jack Crater, a social worker for elderly care; Vic Moore, administrator of Durham County Hospital; a local physician; and Jimmy Creech, Legislative Advocate for the N. C. Council of Churches. Sponsoring the event is the Eastern North Carolina Association's Commission on Christian Social Ministries. Our own Dorcas Lohr is the conference staff member who works with that Commission. No registration is needed.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP GENERAL MEETING

The first meeting of the new program year of the Women's Fellowship will be Monday, September 9th, at 7:00 in the Choral Center. Dorcas Lohr, our president, will introduce the theme for the year, "Words of Faith." All women of the church are invited to join with us for this meeting and to become involved in our fellowship and service.

The Executive Board of the Women's Fellowship (made up of officer and committee chairs) will meet in the Church Library on Sunday, September 8th, at 4 p.m.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
DURING THE 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

	Greeters	Flowers
Sept. 1	Jim and Roberta Starr	Cheek
8	Martin and Susan Rose	F. Loy
15	Harvey and Fran Hook	The Hunter Family
22	Wally and Nell Snyder	The Perry Family
29	Jeff and Marie Wilkins	Albertson

Ushers

Sept. 1	Mike Mayse, Earl Parker, John Hemphill, Lohr Dixon, Dee Atkinson, Don Williamson.
8	Steve Perry, Brian Rose, Martin Rose, Robin Woody, Rob Woody Stan Willard, Floyd Rich.
15	Ken Harper, Louis Wilkins, Beth Wilkins, John Hemphill.
22	Macon Albertson, Brian Harper, Ryan Harris, Gayland Welborn, Cile Welborn, George Troxler.
29	Ed Simons, Jeff Wilkins, Walter Boyd, Jim Lyon.

Child Care During Worship

Sept. 1	Kim Perry and Brian Rose
8	Karen Worst and Katie Brown
15	Maxine Rich and Jamie Brown
22	Cile Welborn and Shawn McKenna
29	Marie Wilkins and Brian Harper

Church Attendance for August

4	-	124	18	-	274
11	-	115	25	-	124

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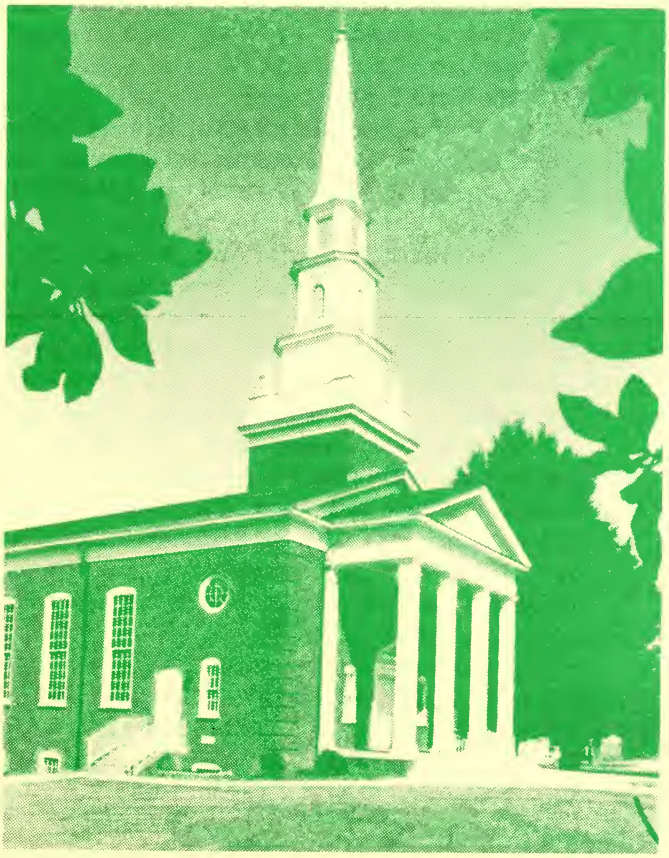

WHEN THE ALTAR CANDLES ARE LIT FOR WORSHIP

September 15th.

Dr. Irvine has begun a series of sermons on the Ten Commandments, "Old Foundations for a New Time." The sermon on the Second Commandment will be entitled "No Usable God." Scriptures will include Exodus 20:4-6, Isaiah 44:9-20, Philippians 3:17-21, and I John 5:19-21. Hymns will be "Sing Praise To God Who Reigns Above." "Jesus Calls Us," an "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise."

September 22nd.

Dr. Irvine will preach on the Third Commandment; the sermon title will be "Cracking the Foundation." Scripture will be Exodus 20:7, Leviticus 19:1-4, 9-18, Isaiah 48:1-2, 9-11, and Hebrews 6:13-18. Hymns will include "Our God, Ou Help In Ages Past," "Immortal Love, Forever Full," and "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name."

September 29th.

The Rev. Richard McBride will be our guest preacher. (Dr. and Mrs. Irvine will be away attending the 15th Anniversary celebration of Habitat for Humanity International in Columbus, Ohio.) Chaplain McBride's sermo will be entitled "The Power to Bless and the Power to Curse from Psalm 27:7-14 and Mark 9:42-50. Hymns will be "O Worship the King," "For the Beauty of the Earth," and "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

October 6th. World-wide Communion Sunday.

Dr. Irvine's meditation on the Fourth Commandment will be entitled "Rest, Re-Creation...and Recollection" from Exodus 20:8-11 and Deuteronomy 5:12-15. Hymns will include "The Church's One Foundation," "Where Cross the Crowded Way of Life," and "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts." The Neighbors in Need offering will be received.

STUDENT SUNDAY CHANGED TO SEPTEMBER 15TH

To allow the College Bookstore textbook sales operation to wind down with the least disruption and to give time for the college to fully clean up the Parish House, we delayed our Student Sunday Celebration and pot-luck dinner one week to September 15th. College Chaplain Richard McBride will join us as liturgist for worship. We trust that the scaffolding will be removed from the sanctuary and getting around will be easier for this Sunday, which is always a big day in our church's life. Remember to bring food; and to wear your name-tag both for worship and at the Parish House afterwards. There will be a box there for them to be collected in.

INQUIRER'S CLASS

Anyone interested in exploring church membership in our congregation is invited to attend an Inquirer's Class in the Church Library on Sunday afternoon, September 15th, at 4 p.m. Dr. Irvine will meet with the group. We plan to receive new members the following Sunday, September 22nd, during morning worship.

SANCTUARY REDECORATION

The painting work has been completed and this week the ceiling tiles are being put up. We expect the rugs to be isntalled the week of the 16th and the pew cushions and dossal cloth to be installed during the fourth week of the month. We plan a dedication ceremony on the first Sunday in October.

LIBRARY NEWS

We've added a new book called "Before They Ask: Talking About Sex from a Christian Perspective". This is a guide for parents of children from birth through age twelve. It will be found in the Parenting section of the Children's Library.

THE MODERATOR'S RELAY

Wonderful! Beautiful!

The sanctuary painting has been completed and the ceiling tiles are being installed. The results are beautiful and the reactions which I have heard are very encouraging. It is great to see the progress of the work each week as we come to worship. Thank you for contributing to the Second Century Fund to make this and our other projects possible.

"Twelve Keys To An Effective Church"

Our self-study is still underway. Our only regret is that we have not had more of our membership involved in the study. We have now selected two of the twelve possible keys or characteristics which we wish to expand in the next few years:

* corporate, dynamic worship
* significant relational groups

and three additional keys which we wish to add:

* solid, participatory decision making
* several competent programs and activities
* specific, concrete missional objectives

Our next assignment is to decide on a key objective for each one of these which will help us to develop it. We now have had five sessions, and our next session is scheduled for October 3rd. We would be happy to have you participate with us in this important self-study.

Ray Covington, Moderator

JENNIFER BLAKE TO BE MARRIED

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Blake invite friends of the family to the wedding of their daughter, Jennifer Ann, to Timothy Mark Thornton, at 3:00 on Saturday, September 28th, at the First Reformed United Church of Christ in Burlington.

TORCHGLEAMS

Congratulations to **Elizabeth and Bobby Mize** on the arrival of their son, **Samuel Wellington**, on August 13th...

Remember in your prayers: **Brian Rose** who is the punter for the Western Alamance High School football team. He suffered a knee injury in the beginning of the second quarter of last week's game which has slowed him down a bit. Last year Brian had the second highest average per punt in his league and hopes to be first this year...**Mark McAdams** was glad he had **Biff Brafford** with him when he went out to tend his beehives recently; Mark's feet got tangled up in some weeds and he suffered a fall, but Biff was able to help him up and back inside. Mark is sore but did not break any bones. And nobody was stung in the incident...**Bertie Fields** suffered a fall about four weeks ago and cracked a rib; she too is mending, but still in some pain; she's really had a year of troubles...**Della Scott** and **Carey Andes** have not been feeling well lately...Our senior pastor's father, **John Irvine Sr.**, has had a weak spell recently and is in the skilled nursing part of Sunnyside Home in Harrisonburg, Virginia, where he is improving... **Earl Vickers'** knee continues to improve but the doctor won't let him get up on a ladder yet to do the painting he's eager to do in his house...**Ann Reynolds'** 15-year-old granddaughter, Amy Glennon Ryan, a front-seat passenger, took the brunt of an auto collision in Virginia Beach and sustained a severe brain injury which required surgery to remove a blood clot. Originally given a 20% chance of survival, after several weeks she has at last come out of her coma to a degree; she responds appropriately to simple requests like "touch your nose" and "touch the nurse's nose." She is ready to be transferred to a specialized therapy hospital...

TORCHGLEAMS (continued)

A signal honor came to **Jackie Matlock** on August 19th when she was presented with the Elon College Medallion, the college's most prestigious award, at a faculty/staff convocation on August 19th. The award is given to faculty, staff, or friends of the college whose service to the institution has been unusually long and of unusually high quality. (**Dr. J. Earl Danieley** is a previous recipient of this award.) Jackie worked for forty years in the college' admissions office, retiring in 1988. Later Jackie and her husband **Cary** took a vacation trip which included a cruise to Alaska...

Leffie Lowe, who died last year, left a $20,000 bequest in her will to the college to establish a scholarship in memor of her husband, **Wilkes E. Lowe Jr.**. The scholarship will be awarded annually to a Burlington City Schools or Alamanc County Schools graduate, with preference being given to a Western Alamance High School student. Charles Joseph Lowe, the surviving son of the Lowes, says the scholarship honors the memory of his brother, the late Wilkes E. Lowe III, and his mother, as well as his father...

Harvey Hookis serving as secretary of the Board of Directors and as a member of its Executive Committee for CONTACT USA, a nationwide network of crisis lines. Harvey was elected to the organization's board of directors severa years ago after serving in the Mercer County, New Jersey CONTACT organization. He was elected to his new position i April.

Lois Bost is in Alamance Memorial Hospital recovering from surgery for a broken hip. She fell in her back yard on the morning of her birthday, Sewptember 10th, while doing some yard work. Fortunately she was discovered within 15 minutes...

PASTORAL SCHEDULES

Associate Pastor Beth Lyon will be here in Septmber on Monday evenings from 7 to 9 and all day Wednesdays. In October she will be here from 9 to 2 on Wednesdays and from 9 to 12 on Thursdays.

Dr. Irvine is in the office most mornings between 9:30 and 12:30. Appointments can be arranged at other times. Wednesdays are his day off.

Late this month he and Mrs. Irvine will attend the Fifteenth Anniversary Celebration of Habitat for Humanity in Columbus, Ohio. He will be away from September 25th through October 2nd. The deacon-in-care to call for pastoral coordination during that time will be Eileen McKenna (work 584-2328; home 584-8427).

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

It's not too late to sign up for the marriage enrichment program planned by the Board of Christian Education. It will be held on three successive thursday nights, beginning Sept. 19 at 7:30 pm. The sessions will be led by Ann and Dennis Wooten, members of A.C.M.E. (Association of Couples in Marriage Enrichment). The goal of the series is to strengthen healthy marriages through better communication. Child care will be available for those who request it for a small fee. There is no cost for the program itself. To sign up, please call the church office.

CUB SCOUTS

Cub Scout Pack 51 has begun its weekly meetings for the fall, this year on Monday nights. Tiger Cubs are boys in the first grade. Cubs are in grades 2-5. We welcome new members anytime, but especially as we begin the new year. Anyone interested in joining should contact Cubmaster George Troxler (home 584-9282; office 584-2386).

TERRIFIC THURSDAYS

Don't forget that Terrific Thursdays begin this week, Sept. 12. at 4:30 pm. Games, crafts and other activities will be led this year by our own Lisa Naatjes. (Lisa is an Elon College student, an Associate Member of our church, an sings in our choir.) Betty Walker will have choir for kindergarten and first grades, and an older group for secon grade and up. The older children will also have the opportunity to learn to ring hand bells. A snack will be served. The program runs until 5:30 for the younger children, and until 6 for older children who wish to ring bells. All children between kindergarten and seventh grade are welcome.

YETS GROUP FORMING

Youth Experience Travel and Service enters its second year with a trip planned for June of 1992 to the Jonesville Va. area to work with Appalachian Service Project doing hom repair projects for low income people. The YETS group is open to all senior high school students who are willing to commit to nine month period of preparation and fundraising Our first meeting will be Sunday, Sept. 15 at 4:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. If you'd like to participate, or just find out more, plan to come.

MIDDLE HIGH NEWS

The middle high youth kicked off their year September 8th with a scavenger hunt for a variety of sounds. A year filled with songs, games, more clowning and retreats, as well as a special study entitled, "Our Sexuality, God's Goo Gift" is planned. (This will be led by Heidi Danieley; sessions for parents will be led by Heidi and Beth Lyon.) The middle highs will meet each second and fourth Sunday at 4:00 p.m. in the youth room.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

11 - 9:00 a.m. Mother's Morning Out
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
8:00 p.m. EEI Youth Room

12 - 4:30 p.m. Terrific Thursdays
7:30 p.m. Board of Deacons

15 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
12:00 noon Pot-luck Lunch
7:00 p.m. Handbell Choir

16 - 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
7:30 p.m. House Meeting

18 - 9:00 a.m. Mother's Morning Out
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
8:00 p.m. EEI Youth Room

19 - 4:30 p.m. Terrific Thursdays
7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees
7:30 p.m. Marriage Enrichment Program

22 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
4:00 p.m. Middle Highs
4:30 p.m. Board of Missions
7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir

23 - 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

25 - 9:00 a.m. Mother's Morning Out
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
8:00 p.m. EEI Youth Room

26 - 4:30 p.m. Terrific Thrusdays
7:30 p.m. Marriage Enrichment Program

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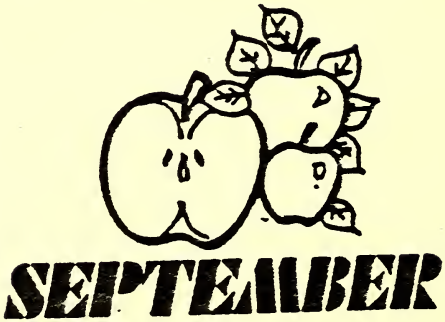
SEPTEMBER CALENDAR - continued -

27 - 6:30 p.m. New Adult Class, Seekers' Classroom

29 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

30 - 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts



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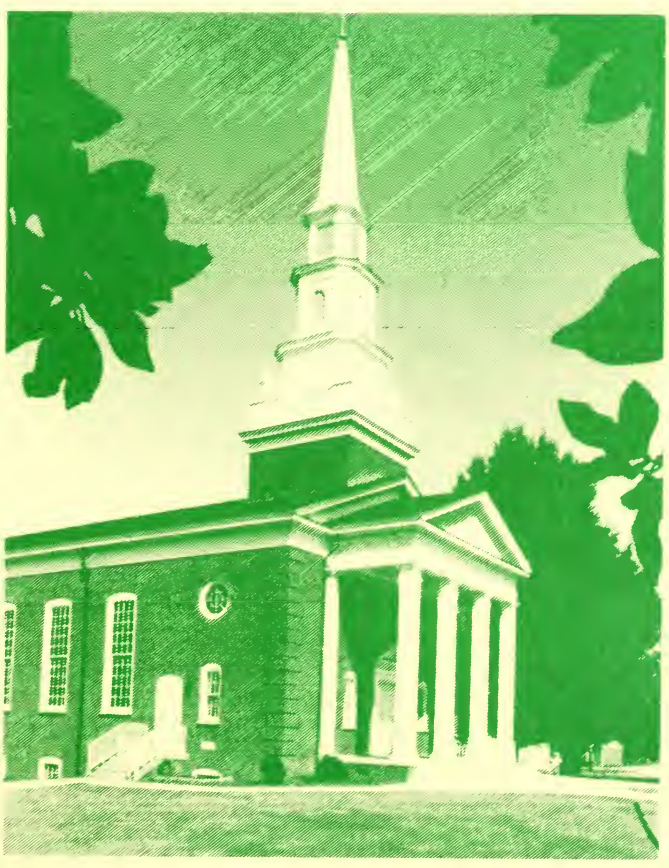

WHEN THE ALTAR CANDLES ARE LIT FOR WORSHIP

October 6th. World-wide Communion Sunday.

Because this is Parents' Weekend at Elon College, Dr Irvine will break the sequence of his sermon series on th Ten Commandments and preach on the Fifth ("Honor your fat and mother...") before dealing the following week with th Fourth Commandment. His meditation on "Charity Begins at Home" is based on Deuteronomy 5:16 and Ephesians 6:1-4. Hymns will include "From All That Dwell Below the Skies", "Christ for the World We Sing," and "Be Known To Us in Breaking Bread." The annual Neighbors in Need offering w be received (see insert and envelope in this TORCH). In celebration of the special nature of this annual Communio parts of the service will utilize different languages. There will also be a brief dedicatory service for the sanctuary redecorations.

October 13th.

Dr. Irvine's sermon on the Fourth Commandment will b entitled "Rest, Re-Creation...and Recollection" from Exod 20:8-11 and Deuteronomy 5:12-15. Hymns will include "The Church's One Foundation," "Where Cross the Crowded W of Life," and "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts."

October 20th.

Back in sequence now, the series on the Ten Command- ments will continue with one on the Sixth entitled "Respecting Life" based on Exodus 20:13, Genesis 4:2-15, Matthew 5:21-24, 43-45. Hymns will include "When Morning Gilds the Skies," "O God of Love, O KIng of Peace," and "Lord, I Want To Be a Christian."

MISSIONARY TO SPEAK ON OCTOBER 15TH

Mr. Charles Brown, a United Church Board for World Ministries-sponsored missionary to Turkey, will be itinerating in the Southern Conference in October and will speak in our Parish House on Tuesday evening, October 15th, at 7:30 p.m. Our Mission Board will provide desserts and drinks for the occasion. Mr. Brown has been working at the Redhouse Press, the publishing arm of our Board's work in Turkey. It is unusual for a Christian mission board to be able to publish materials in a Moslem land, but special circumstances in Turkey have permitted this to occur for many years. Put the event on your calendar and plan to come. Child care will be available at a cost of $1 per child. (We'd like to pay our senior high baby-sitters, who have so often donated their time doing this on previous occasions.) The program will last about an hour.

PICK UP YOUR CHURCH PARKING PERMITS

The Trustees have worked out with the college authorities a plan that should ease our perennial parking problem with students using our lots. Our two parking lots now have signs (in the same style as other signs around the campus) posted which are adjustable. One version says "Faculty and Staff Parking Only" and the other version says "Closed--Church Function in Progress." Faculty adn staff seeing the second sign up will park elsewhere. Since college security people will be patrolling the lots during weekday hours, we are making yellow parking permits available to our members, staff, and visitors. Please pick up one of these for each of your vehicles in the Narthex at worship on Sunday, or in the church office during the week. Put it in your glove compartment and when parking at the church on weekdays, place the yellow card on your dash. The security guard will not have your car towed away if you are displaying the card. Thank you.

A DIFFERENT CROP WALK IN 1991!

New Date - Sunday, November 3, 1991, rather than the first Sunday in October.

New Route - 10 Kilometers rather than 10 miles. Our church will not be a rest stop this year, as the Walk only touches the eastern edge of Elon College, moving northbou on Truitt Drive before turning east on Front Street back into Burlington.

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We are hoping to have new ECCC T-shirts available fo purchase by our walkers and anyone else who would like one this year. It has been six years since we last had o made up, and compared with other churches' recent T-shirt acquisitions, ours look quite nondescript.

MODERATOR'S RELAY

Parish House/Bookstore

The Board of Trustees arranged to permit the College to use the Parish House to sell textbooks at the beginning of the semester. The College paid $1800 to the Church for the use of the building, repaired the locks on the south door, and put in a telephone line to the building for us. It was a good arrangement and helpful to the College and to the Church.

THANKS

A special word of thanks to those who helped to clean the sanctuary after the installation of the carpet in time for the funeral services for Ken Hughes. Several of our members, along with Andy Carroll and some maids from the College, did a fine job and we appreciate it very much.

HEADSTART

We now have a group of 14 students in Headstart meeting at our church. They operate 5 days per week. Opportunities will be available for members of our Church to volunteer to read to the children later in the year. Head Start is paying $125 per month to the Church to defray cost of utilities and services. The teachers clean the classrooms and Head Start provides cleaning supplies and products. We are happy to be able to serve this need in our community.

Ray Covington, Moderator

YOUTH NEWS

The YETS group is reforming for a brand new year. New participants in grades 9 through 12 are always welcome. This year's excursion will be June 21-28 to work with Appalachian Service project in Jonesville, VA and to take a raft trip down the Nolichucky River in Tennesse. The group will meet at 4pm on first and third Sundays in the Youth Room between now and them. YETS will meet this Sunday, Oct. 6 to make plans for our first fundraiser, a halloween carnival for children which will be held on Halloween Night on the Parish House. There will be games, food, prizes and stories. Donations will be accepted at the door.

The Middle High Youth will meet on 2nd and 4th Sundays at 4pm in the Youth Room. Their next meeting will be Oct 13. In September the group had a Sound Scavenger Hunt and began their study on human sexuality.

On Saturday October 26 a group of about 150 people will gather in the sweet potato fields near Benson or Dunn to take part in a gleaning project sponsored by the Society of St. Andrew, a ministry of the United Methodist Church. The purpose is to gather up the sweet potatoes left after the which would otherwise just rot. The group hopes to fill a tractor-trailer which we then be sent to Robeson County. If you'd like to participate, please see Beth.

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2 - 9:00 a.m. Mother's Morning Out
5:00 p.m. Head Start Story Time
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
8:00 p.m. EEI - Youth Room

3 - 4:30 p.m. Terrific Thursdays
7:00 p.m. Callahan Study VI
7:30 p.m. Marriage Enrichment

5 - 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Eastern N.C. Association - Raleigh

6 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
2:30 p.m. ACAC Meeting

7 - 10:30 a.m. Circle 1
6:30 p.m. Brownie Scouts
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
7:30 p.m. Circle 2 - Sibyle White's Home

8 - 7:30 p.m. Circle 3 - Church Library

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10 - 4:30 p.m. Terrific Thursdays
6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts, Youth Room
7:30 p.m. Board of Deacons

12 - 12:30 p.m. Tiger Cubs - Parish House

13 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
12:15 p.m. Acolyte Lunch and Training Session
7:00 p.m. Handbell Choir
7:30 p.m. Board of Christian Education

14 - 6:30 p.m. Brownie Scouts
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

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OCTOBER CALENDAR - continued -

15	-	7:30 p.m.	Mission Board Night - speaker and dessert
16	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
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17	-	4:30 p.m.	Terrific Thursdays
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TORCHGLEAMS

Our sympathy goes out to the family of **Kenneth Hughes** who died Monday, September 23, after a long illness. His funeral was conducted at the church on Thursday the 26th by Dr. Andes. Mr. Hughes was a graduate of Elon College and a long time member of the Elon community and the church. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Steve Perry began a new job on August 15th as a Deputy Sheriff for Alamance County. Previously he had worked in the Gibsonville Police Department...

Stan Willard, has had to be quiet because of nosebleed and high blood pressure problems, but he's better now...**Lois Bost** is out of the hospital after breaking her hip and staying with her brother, **Mark McAdams**, who is also recovering from a leg injury...Pray for their recovery...

Special thanks to **Helene Ellis** who made the lovely new curtains for the Preschool and 1st and 2nd Grade classrooms downstairs. They really brighten up the room.

Our bell choir, under the direction of **Betty Walker** will play for morning worship at the Eastern North Carolina Association UCC Annual Meeting in Raleigh on October 3. We know they'll bring beauty to the event.

Ann Reynolds' granddaughter, Amy Glennon, is making good progress in her recovery from the automobile accident. She is at The Greenery in Durham, which treats patients with head injuries. The family thanks you all for your prays. Please pray for her continued recovery.

The Town Council has issued a proclamation honoring our cub pack for 22 years of continuous operation in Elon College. Congratulations to leaders **George Troxler** and **Junior Bare** who are two of the very important people who keep the pack going. Monday nights are very lively around the church right now with Brownie Scouts at 6:30 and Cubs at 7 pm. . . .

1991 PACK CALENDAR

*Dens Meet Each Monday night!

Alamance Scout Show: Saturday, October 26, Fairchild Community Center, 11 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Tickets are sold by the cubs for $2.00 each. Scouts in uniform enter free. The pack will have a booth and each den will have a time to operate our booth which will feature "Cub Scout Games".

October Pack Meeting, October 28: **FATHER AND SON CAKE SALE.** This is our one pack fund raiser for the year. Each cub and father, older brother, uncle, grandfather, or adult male friend will donate a cake THEY HAVE MADE to the sale. We will have a auction and 100% of the proceeds go to the pack treasury! It simple, it is fun, we will take checks!

Prizes are awarded in each age group for:

The Best Decorated Cake

The Best Tasting Cake

FIVE NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED SEPTEMBER 22

Eva Breidenthal joined by transfer of letter from the Banner Elk Presbyterian Church in Banner Elk, NC, where she was born and grew up. Eva graduated from UNC at Chapel Hill in 1985 with a B.A. in education and after a year of working at odd jobs went back home to teach physical education at her alma mater, Avery County High School. After two years she went to Western Carolina University at Cullowhee for a Master's in physical education, after which she came to Burlington to teach that subject at the Burlington Day School beginning in the fall of 1989. Eva enjoys playing all sports, especially volleyball, and jogging. Other interests are baking breads and desserts. She sang in her church choir during high school and now sings in our choir.

The Rev. Dr. Emmett and Katherine Floyd joined by letter of transfer from Central Congregational United Church of Christ in Atlanta, Georgia. Both are Georgia natives and they met while attending Mercer University. Katherine finished her BS degree at the University of Louisville while Emmett was attending the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary there, and she taught school for 2 years in Louisville. They served in two Georgia Baptist churches and during the Korean War Emmett was a Navy chaplain, serving another Navy stint when the reserves were called up at the time of the Berlin Wall crisis. (After his active duty Emmett remained in the Reserves and finished his career with the rank of Rear Admiral, as chief of all Navy reserve chaplains.)

The Floyds changed to the United Church of Christ in 1964 after their second Navy tour, and Emmett served as pastor at Windermere UCC in a suburb of Orlando for 3 years. Katherine taught in the first Head Start program in the state of Florida, one for children of migrant workers. In 1967 they moved to Greensboro where Emmett was pastor of First Congregational Church for 13 years; for 8 of those years he was also an adjunct professor of philosophy and religion at Greensboro College. Emmett earned an Doctor of Sacred Theology degree from San Francisco Theological Seminary and Katherine a Master's of Education in counseling at UNCG; she served 9 years as a guidance counselor in a junior high school. In 1980 when Dr. Bill Andes retired as

NEW MEMBERS (continued)

Conference Minister of the Southeastern Conference of the United Church of Christ, Emmett was called to succeed him. Katherine added a 6-year Specialist degree in educational counseling from Georgia State University and served 9 year as a guidance counselor in a senior high school in Gwinnet County.

Emmett has been active in denominational affairs. He served two successive six-year terms on the United Church Board for World Ministries, the last four of which (1977-8 he was President of its Board of Directors. Katherine has been very active in her churches, especially in connection with mission work. Emmett retired in 1988 and has been serving interims since: at Ormond Beach, Florida (at the same church Bill Scott now serves); at a Disciples of Chri church in Macon, Georgia, and most recently at Pilgrimage UCC in Marietta, Georgia. This past summer they moved to Elon College to be closer to more of their children and grandchildren. They have five children (including twin girls), scattered from Savannah to Enid, Oklahoma, and in Raleigh, Greensboro, and Elon (their daughter Karen and he husband Chris Worst live here and are members of our congregation). Katherine enjoys reading and Emmett walkir and jogging; he is trying to learn golf now that he's retired--but mostly they enjoy being with and helping to look after their 10 grandchildren.

Karl and Joy Hamilton Washburn come to us on letter c transfer from St. John's UCC in Burlington. Karl was borr in Greensboro and grew up a Southern Baptist. Joy was bor in Charlotte and moved to Elon College at age 7 when her father, the Rev. Thomas Hamilton, was called to be pastor this church. Joy graduated from Elon College in the class of 1982. Karl graduated from Grimsley High School and attended Greensboro Technical Community College. He worke for Greensboro Box Company for some years and then took a job with Carolina Biological Supply, where he met Joy, who has worked there for 6 and 1/2 years. They were married i 1988 at St. John's. Karl is now back full-time with the Greensboro Box Company and also "moonlights" from 4 to 8 a.m. at the Greensboro facility of United Parcel Service. Joy enjoys making latch hook rugs and walking. Karl enjoy hunting, fishing, and golf, and hopes to be able to get ba to doing some more wildlife woodcarving.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1 - Wes Alexander
Betty Y. Powell

2 - Ruth Drumm

3 - Betty Blanchard
Thomas E. Powell IV

4 - George Shumar
Nancy Lu Irvine

5 - Ruth Cheek
Katherine Floyd

7 - David Hughes
Kevin Dill

8 - Ralph Oxford
Mary Lee Hutchins

9 - Jim Lyon
Sandra Dill

11 - Bill Blanchard

12 - Benjamin White

13 - Della Scott

14 - Betty Wagoner
Tom Conally
Don Williamson, Jr.

15 - Lessie Longest

17 - Greg Powell

18 - Robin Holt
Stan Willard

19 - Marie Acquilano

20 - Goldie Smith
Andrew McLelland

23 - Noel Allen
Loretta Easton

24 - Brinkley Messick

25 - Alan J. Young

26 - Viola M. Dean

27 - Ned Danieley

28 - Jackie Danieley
Natalie Williamson

29 - Luci Atkinson
William Beyer

30 - Dolores H. Truitt
Charles Parcell
Maxine Rich

31 - Madge Brannock
William Ellis

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
DURING THE 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

	Greeters	Flowers
Oct. 6	Bill and Susan Barbee	Harper
13	Mark and Heidi Danieley	Barney Family
20	Howard and Juanita Loy	Barbee
27	Tom and Ethel Oakley	Clem

Ushers

Oct. 6	Mike Mayse, Earl Parker, John Hemphill, Lohr Dixon, Dee Atkinson, Don Williamson.
13	Steve Perry, Brian Rose, Martin Rose, Robin Woody, Rob Woody Stan Willard, Floyd Rich.
20	Ken Harper, Louis Wilkins, Beth Wilkins, John Hemphill.
27	Macon Albertson, Brian Harper, Ryan Harris, Gayland Welborn Cile Welborn, George Troxler.

Acolytes

Oct. 6	Marie Acquilano and Lydia Troxler
13	Elizabeth Mayse and Emily Woody
20	Lexa Lohr-Myers and Kim Acquilano
27	Chris Harris and Matthew Woody.

Child Care During Worship

Oct. 6	Jimma Causey and Amy Rose
13	Sue Brown and Rob Woody
20	Ann Acquilano and Brian Rose
27	Carolyn Messick and Katie Brown

Church Attendance for September

1	-	146	22	-	160
8	-	169	29	-	152
15	-	166			

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October 27th.

Our senior pastor's sermon on the Seventh Commandment will be entitled "Faithful At The Core"; with scriptures Exodus 20:14, Hosea 2:2-20 and Matthew 5:27-32. Hymns will include "God Of Our Life, Through All the Circling Years," "Breathe On Me, Breath of God," and "I Would Be True."

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PICK UP YOUR CHURCH PARKING PERMITS

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GIFT RECEIVED FROM ADELIA TRUITT ESTATE

The church has received a check in the amount of $1,768.03 from the estate of the late Adelia Truitt.

Have you remembered the church in <u>your</u> will?

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7:00 - 8:30

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Congratulations to the Western Alamance High School Band and our own **Shawn McKenna** who plays trombone in it. The band won the Grand Champions award at the Hoke County Band Competition recently...

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All of us are grateful for the opening of the new **Allied Churches of Alamance County Ministries Center** at 206 N. Fisher Street. The building was ready in time for the ACAC to hold its fall quarterly meeting there on October 6th. **Ray and Mona Covington** were responsible for the meeting arrangements and refreshments; Ray is a vice-president of the organization...

Our former pew cushions were recycled; early Sunday morning October 6th a truck driven by members of Union Grove United Church of Christ in Henderson, NC, showed up, and they were carted off. Although they had seen much service here, with some dry cleaning and cutting down to fit that church's pews, they should provide many more years of service. The Rev. Raymond Hargrove of our Conference staff helped alert that church to the opportunity...

Dorcas Lohr attended the Southern Regional Meeting of UCC Women in Winter Park, Florida, October 11-13. She was one of the speakers on the program...

Congratulations to **Chris Worst** who was inducted into the Elon Hall of Fame Saturday, October 12. Chris was a captai on both Elon national championship football teams of 1980 and 1981. In his junior and senior seasons at Elon, Chris had 116 solo tackles, four fumble recoveries and 43 sacks. He is currently the linebackers coach and head track coach at Elon...

Congratulations also to **Wes Alexander** who was inducted into the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Hall of Fame for meritorious service at a special luncheon in Portland, Oregon on October 7th. Wes served as a member of Elon College's Faculty Athletic Committee for 26 years, and was chairman for 24 of those years. He also was Elon's faculty athletics representative to District 26 and the NAIA...

Elon Homes for Children has a creative fund-raising idea. The first annual "Home Run Festival" to benefit the Homes will be held Saturday, October 19th, and it features 10-kilometer and 5-kilometer T.A.C. sanctioned runs which begin on the Snyder campus and continue through residential areas of Elon College and Burlington. There will also be a one-mile fun run on the Snyder Campus, and "Lollipop Runs" for ages 2-4, 5-6, and 7-8. An Arts and Crafts Fair, bake sale, chidlren's games, pony rides, food booths, "Star Walk," and a Baseball Card Show are other events that last from 9 to 3. Run registration is from 7 to 8:30 a.m. and the runs are at 9 a.m. or soon thereafter. There will be a auction at 10, and entertainment from 1 to 3 with the Foot 'n' Fiddle Square Dance Club and the Hope Valley Bouncing Bull Dogs. Gifts and prizes will be awarded. All in all it sounds like a day of fun for all ages and funds for Elon Homes for Children. For further information contact the Homes office at 584-0091...

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at the marriage of their daughter

Susan Evelyn Barney

to

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FRAN HOOK WILL BE AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH FOR THE NEXT TWO SUNDAYS WITH SPONSOR FORMS.

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR PERIOD ENDING
Sept 30 1991

	1990 ACTUAL	1991 BUDGET	BUDGET TO DATE	ACTUAL TO DATE
SOURCES OF INCOME				
Total Pledged Income	114,633.12	123,075.00	82,460.25	82,643.35
Total Special Contributions	7,429.28	7,425.00	4,665.00	5,098.84
Total Loose Offerings	3,179.98	3,149.00	2,109.83	2,857.16
Total Interest Earned	1,175.19	1,097.00	548.50	485.66
Total Fund Raising	301.01	577.00	26.00	687.41
Total Rental Income	3,442.10	3,082.00	2,405.86	2,808.60
Total Miscellaneous Receipts	2,431.59	1,800.00	1,397.70	279.40
TOTAL REVENUE	132,592.27	140,205.00	93,613.14	94,860.42
EXPENDITURES				
Total Local Mission	4,848.89	4,875.00	2,774.00	4,543.86
Total UCC Ministries	14,705.25	13,425.00	9,795.00	7,697.00
Total World Ministries	2,258.38	2,350.00	425.00	992.00
Total Other Mission Expense	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL MISSIONS	21,812.52	20,750.00	12,994.00	13,232.86
Total Worship Services	1,108.46	1,225.00	866.25	840.27
Total Evangelism	613.51	1,200.00	646.00	946.17
Total Music Programs	9,311.85	11,528.00	8,646.00	7,968.90
TOTAL WORSHIP AND EVANGELISM	11,033.82	13,953.00	10,158.25	9,755.34
Total Program - Christian Ed.	2,964.19	5,725.00	4,085.00	4,851.62
Total Personnel - Christian Ed.	11,042.08	11,765.00	8,073.75	8,820.72
TOTAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	14,006.27	17,490.00	12,158.75	13,672.34
Total Building Expense	26,943.18	28,520.00	22,147.00	19,917.07
Total Personnel	6,692.90	6,567.00	4,925.25	4,924.98
Total Operating Expense	1,958.21	2,160.00	1,710.00	1,400.16
TOTAL CHURCH FACILITIES	35,594.29	37,247.00	28,782.25	26,242.21
Total Program	316.67	340.00	0.00	361.53
Total Personnel	48,418.40	49,564.00	37,173.00	37,152.47
Total Operating Expense	0.00	350.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL LEADERSHIP	48,735.07	50,254.00	37,173.00	37,514.00
TOTAL OTHER	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	131,181.97	139,694.00	101,266.25	100,716.75
EXCESS/(DEF) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSE	1,410.30	511.00	(7,653.11)	(5,856.33)

BRUNSWICK STEW SALE
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY,
OCT.18 & 19, 1991.

THE ELON COLLEGE EXCHANGE CLUB WILL OFFER ITS POPULAR BRUNSWICK STEW FOR SALE ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, STARTING AT 11:30 A.M. TO DUSK, AT IT'S TENT LOCATED OPPOSITE THE FIRE STATION AND AT THE EXCHANGE CLUB ON ROUTE 100.

THE SALE WILL CONTINUE ON SATURDAY, OCT.19, FROM 8:30 A.M. TO SELL-OUT.

THE STEW SELLS FOR $3.50 PER QUART AND MAY BE FROZEN FOR FUTURE USE.

BECAUSE OF ITS WELL-KNOWN QUALITY, THE SUPPLY IS FREQUENTLY SOLD OUT ON FRIDAY, SO AN EARLY PURCHASE IS RECOMMENDED.

PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE HELP SUPPORT VARIOUS COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SUCH AS THE BOY SCOUTS; PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS AND ASSIST IN CHARITABLE CAUSES.

SHOW CONSIDERATION FOR THE COOK--

BUY BRUNSWICK STEW !

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November 10th.

The Rev. William McGregor of Hackettstown, NJ, will be our guest preacher this Sunday. He is the Area Conference Minister serving the New Jersey Association of the Central Atlantic Conference of the United Church of Christ, and is the consultant to our Church Council for long-range planning. He will be visiting our church for the weekend, meeting with Church Council members on Saturday.

November 17th.

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THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1992

Enclosed in this issue is the proposed budget for next year which has been worked out by the Budget Committee and Church Council, with input from all the Boards and the Personnel Committee. For easier construction we follow the format of the Treasurer's Monthly Report, and you will note the new budget begins half way down page 2. Page 1 (omitted) and the first part of page 2 are concerned with the income side of the budget, which will be included in the final budget in December; what is before you now is the expense side. There are brief explanatory notes where changes were made from 1991's budget, but here is a further explanation.

On line item 113, **Project Jumpstart**: the Mission Board wants to find a person who has a high motivation to break out of the welfare cycle. Through intensive asssistance by church members over a period of 18-24 months (involving a team of church members with special expertise in areas of education, personal finance, community resources, and legal background) we would help this person through the especially difficult initial period when trying to get out of the welfare cycle involves losing more than one gains. John Ketcham, who will head up this project, expects to be able to get matching funds from a small foundation to put with the church's $2,000 to assist in the cash resources necessary. The team has been recruited, the Department of Social Services is happy to help us find a suitable candidate, and the Mission Board and Church Council are quite excited about this project. John would be happy to answer questions you may have about it.

By the way, YETS (line item 112) stands for Youth Experience Travel and Service. The budgeted item covers cost of construction supplies for our youth group's planned trip to Appalachia next summer.

Line item 137: the Southern Conference has authorized a major campaign, whose acronym is SHARE, to provide for a third retirement home in the Conference, this one to be in Suffolk, Viginia. On recommendation of the Mission Board the Church Council has voted to make this a budgeted (not asterisked) item for 3 years at $500 per year.

1992 BUDGET (cont.)

Line item 205: This is a one-time program; we have a professional church drama team scheduled to perform here the Sunday after Easter.

Line item 228: For years Dr. Paul Cheek has served as our church photographer and absorbed all the costs involved. It's time to begin reimbursing him with a line item.

Line items 329 and 330: We became aware this year that Beth Lyon is substantially underpaid in terms of what other clergy in comparable positions in the area are making. Giving her a housing allowance and an annuity brings her closer to a fairer package total and provides her a tax break for the increase.

The Budget Committee plans to repeat last year's approach of asking Board members to make their pledges first, and then sending pledge cards to all other families in the church. Please keep your copy of the Budget and these notes for reference when you receive your pledge card.

THE MODERATOR'S RELAY

Our Scouting program is enjoying great success. Cub Pack 51. under the leadership of Dr. George Troxler, with 78 boys (58 Cubs and 20 Tiger Cubs), is having a very successful year. Boy Scout Troop 51, jointly sponsored by our church and the Elon College Exchange Club, is growing and doing unusually well. The Scoutmaster is Dr. Jim Barbour of the Elon College faculty. Jim has had many years of experience as a leader in Scouting and he is doing an excellent job for us. The Troop Committee has as its representatives from the Exchange Club Dwight Wall, Dee Atkinson, John Schmidt, and Chris Worst; from our church John Irvine, George Troxler, and myself; and from the parents, Cam Arcaro and patsy Mobley.

Because of the growth of the troop and the number of Cubs on their way to becoming Scouts, we must consider providing more space for our Scout troop than the present Scout Hut allows. This is the kind of challenge we have hoped to face. The Troop Committee has begun work to develop recommendations to meet adequately the need for the future growth and development of Troop 51.

TORCHGLEAMS

Congratulation to **Vic Vickers** who was married **Jackie Hess** October 19th at the first wedding in our newly redecorated sanctuary! Jackie is a R.N. who works at both of our local hospitals and is a graduate of Elon College...

A string of deaths in the families of our congregation to report this issue...**Audrey Shumar** died on October 24th in Alamance Memorial Hospital after a stay of several days; our sympathy to **George** and his family. Her funeral was October 27th and burial followed in Alamance Memorial Park...Sympathy also to Dr. **Earl Danieley** and his family; his uncle, G. Monroe Bennett of Burlington, died on October 25th...And to **Janet Mayse** and her family in the death of her father, Walter Lippard of Newton, on October 10th... Custodian **Chris Shoffner's** first cousin, Margaret Shoffner Floyd of Durham, died October 27th...May all of these friends find comfort in their time of grief...Also we report with sadness the death of **Mamie Cousin**, a dear servant of some and friend of many in our congregation. A member of Elon First Baptist Church, Mamie died on October 28th...

Alma Lynch is still in Memorial Hospital recovering from a stroke...**Carey Andes** is there also...**Alyssa Lovell**, though back teaching school after her difficult leg operation last summer, still gets around only painfully and mends very slowly...Another one recovering very slowly from leg surgery is **Helene Ellis**...And still another is **Lois Bost**...Pray for these people, that they may find encouragement when the way ahead seems long...

Lynn Malkus, a junior at Elon College, is this year's recipient of the Elon College Community Church Scholarship at Elon College. Lynn is a member of Immanuel United Church of Christ in Cambridge, Maryland, where her pastor is the Rev. Douglas Albert, one of the late Dr. and Mrs. Sloan's foster sons. Lynn is majoring in corporate communications and is active in the College's Habitat Chapter. She served as liturgist during worship on October 23rd...

TORCHGLEAMS (cont.)

Our Parish House was in use last Friday and Saturday for Southern Conference event: the Pre-Retirement Planning Seminar for pastors over age 50 and their spouses, put on the Pension Boards of the United Church of Christ. About 2 clergy attended along with their spouses, including **Dr. a Mrs. Irvine**...

Lois Bost writes, "A special thanks for the many kindness shown since my accident on September 10th. Each expressi of kindness helped so much."...

Dr. Irvine will be attending a continuing education event entitled "Evangelism in an Urban and Suburban Context" at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond on November 13-15. Shirley Beyer is the Deacon responsible for pastoral coordination while he is away. Her numbers are 584-6911 home and 228-1720 work...

VOTING TIME IS HERE AGAIN

Remember to exercise your civic privilege and go to polls and vote on Election Day, Tuesday, November 5th. I Elon College the candidates for three seats as aldermen include Nell Snyder from our congregation, Charles Gantos Jr., Lawrence Slade, and David Adkins.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 - Fred Loy, Jr.

4 - Joe Alexander

7 - Betty Shomaker

8 - Kathleen Lankford

9 - Sarah Hemphill

10 - Patricia Woody
Mike Mayse
Crystal Bradley

11 - Fred Young

14 - George Edwards
Gregory Causey
Anna Marie Wilkins

15 - Gladys Hughes
Rebecca Lyon

19 - Brian Harper
Sara Dodson

20 - Jackie Matlock
Margaret Smith
Amy Goude

21 - Connie Howard
Ola Overton

22 - Lydia Troxler

23 - Edith Shotzberger

27 - Dwight Wall

29 - Nina Matlock

HIGHLY COMPETITIVE SOCIETY

In the beginning God didn't just make one or two people. God made a whole bunch of us because she wanted us to have fun and you can't really have fun unless there is a whole gang.

So God put us all in this sort of playground called Eden and told us to enjoy.

At first we did have fun, just like God expected. We played all the time. We rolled down the hills, waded in the streams, climbed the trees, swung on the vines, ran in the meadows, frolicked in the woods, hid in the forest, and acted silly. We laughed a lot.

Then one day this snake told us we weren't having real fun because we weren't keeping score. Back then we didn't know what score was. When he explained it, we still couldn't see the fun. But he said that we should give an apple to the person who was best at playing, and we'd never know who was best unless we kept score. We could all understand the fun of that . . . because we were all sure that we were the best.

It was different after that. We yelled a lot. We had to make up new scoring rules for most of the games we played. Other games, like frolicking, we stopped playing because they were too hard to score.

By the time God found out about our new fun, we were only spending about 45 minutes a day in actual playing and the rest of the time working out the score. God was wroth about that . . . very, very wroth. God said we couldn't use the garden any more because we weren't having any fun. We said we were having lots of fun and we were. God shouldn't have got upset because it wasn't the kind of fun he had in mind.

Well God wouldn't listen. Kicked us out and said we couldn't come back until we stopped keeping score. To rub it in, God told us that we were all going to die anyway and our scores wouldn't mean anything.

Well I want you to know God was wrong! My cumulative all-game score is now 16,548, and that means a lot to me. If I can raise it to 20,000 before I die I'll know I've accomplished something. Even if I can't, my life has a great deal of meaning because I've taught my children to score high and they'll be able to reach 20,000 or even 30,000. I just know it.

Really, it was life in Eden that didn't mean anything. Fun is great in its place, but without scoring there's no reason for it. God has a very superficial view of life and I'm glad my children are being raised away from her influence. We were lucky to get out. And needless to say, we're all very grateful to the snake.

("The Snake" by Anne Herbert)

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

3 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
1:00 p.m. CROP Walk
4:00 p.m. Parents of Middle Highs

4 - 10:30 a.m. Circle 1
6:30 p.m. Brownie Scouts
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
7:30 p.m. Circle 2 - Mary Butler's

5 - 7:30 p.m. Circle 3

6 - 9:00 a.m. Mother's Morning Out
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

7 - 4:30 p.m. Terrific Thursdays

9 - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. CHURCH COUNCIL - Holland House

10 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
4:00 p.m. Middle Highs

11 - 6:30 p.m. Brownie Scouts
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
7:30 p.m. Bible Study

13 - 9:00 a.m. Mother's Morning Out
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

14 - 4:30 p.m. Terrific Thursdays
7:00 p.m. Board of Deacons
7:30 p.m. Alternative Circle

17 - 8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship Breakfast?
9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
4:00 p.m. YETS

18 - 6:30 p.m. Brownie Scouts
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
7:30 p.m. Bible Study

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NOVEMBER CALENDAR - continued -

19	-	7:30 p.m.	Parsonage Meeting
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		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
21	-	4:30 p.m.	Terrific Thursdays
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		7:30 p.m.	Bible Study
26	-	7:00 p.m.	"Soundings" Meeting Seekers' Classroom
27	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving Eve Service Shallow Ford UCC

CHANDELIERS AVAILABLE FOR MEMORIAL GIFTS

As an outgrowht of our recent sanctuary redecoration, the option of adding chandeliers to the ceiling has been considered. We received professional advice to install two-tier, 18-bulb chandeliers approximately 48 inches wide, made of solid brass. The redecoration committee and the trustees approved this proposal. Four of them down the center of the ceiling should provide adequate decoration; we could begin with as few as two, for there are two outlets already in place.

These would be financed by gifts, possibly but not necessarily memorial gifts, above and beyond the Second Century Campaign funds.

We have researched the styles and prices of several manufacturers. The trustees have approved the model pictured here. Including installation, the cost of each one will be $1,000. Would you like to donate one or more?

SENIOR PASTOR TO LEAD SHORT BIBLE STUDY

On three Monday nights in November, Dr. Irvine will lead a Bible study group on "The Three Central Characters of Genesis: Abraham, Jacob, and Joseph." The group will meet in the church library from 7:30 to 8:45 on November 11, 18, and 25. All are invited. In advance of the first study, participants might like to review Genesis 11:27 through 25:11.

A NEW CHURCH MISSION PROJECT

The New Adult Sunday School Class invites members of all ages to participate in our monthly Family Mission Night. The purposes of these nights are:

(1) to provide an outreach to people in our community with particular needs,
(2) to involve our children in mission experiences,
(3) to have a time of fellowship among friends.

Our current project for the evenings are to provide respite care for a few handicapped children, so their parents can have several hours for recreation.

Join us in the ground-level rooms of our Sunday School for our monthly Family Mission Night. The schedule is as follows:

November 22 (not in Seeker's classroom; we'll use the children's classrooms)
January 10
February 14
March 13
April 10

- John Hemphill

ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS!

There will be an outing to Cedar Rock Park on Sunday afternoon, November 10. We'll meet at the church at 1:45 to van and car pool to the park (follow Rt. 49 South of Interstate 85 until you get to state route 1130, turn left and then immediately left again at Cedar Rock Park Rd. if you wish to try to meet us there). There are plenty of things to do together at Cedar Rock. We can hike, play frisbee golf (bring a frisbee) or play volleyball. Bring some drinks and snacks to share. Children are welcome too.

MIDDLE HIGH MOVIE AND PIZZA PIG-OUT

The Middle Highs will meet on Sunday, Nov. 10 at 4 pm for pizza and a movie (title to be announced) in the youth room. We will meet until 6 pm.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
DURING THE 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

	Greeters	Flowers
Nov. 3	Earl and Elizabeth Parker	E. Parker
10	Irma Seamster and Norma Watson	McLelland
17	James and Lorene Lyon	Lankford
24	Ed and Jean Simons	Conally

Ushers

Nov. 3 Mike Mayse, Earl Parker, John Hemphill, Lohr Dixon, Dee Atkinson, Don Williamson.
10 Steve Perry, Brian Rose, Martin Rose, Robin Woody, Rob Woody, Stan Willard, Floyd Rich.
17 Ken Harper, Louis Wilkins, Beth Wilkins, John Hemphill.
24 Macon Albertson, Brian Harper, Ryan Harris, Gayland Welborn, Cile Welborn, George Troxler.

Acolytes

Nov. 3 Vega Herold and Sarah Hemphill
10 Meg Wilkins and Chris Causey
17 Drew McLelland and Matthew Mayse
24 Chris Harris and Scott Williamson

Child Care During Worship

Nov. 3 Kim Perry and Jamie Brown
10 Karen Worst and Shawn McKenna
17 Maxine Rich and Brian Harper
24 Cile Welborn and Amy Rose

Church Attendance for October

6	-	236	20	-	120
13	-	132	27	-	127

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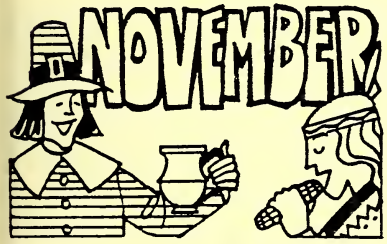
Pastors Emeriti



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November 24th.

Dr. Irvine's sermon on the Tenth Commandment will be entitled "Our Wants And Our Needs." The Scriptures are Exodus 20:17, Micah 2:1-3, Ephesians 5:5-6, and Matthew 6:19-21, 24. Hymns will include "We Gather Together To Ask the Lord's Blessing," "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come," and "Fill Thou My Life, O Lord My God."

The Annual Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held on Wednesday. November 27, at 7 p.m. at the Shallowford United Church of Christ.

December 1st. First Sunday in Advent.

"Singing Over Babel" will be the subject of Dr. Irvine's introduction to the Advent season. Scriptures will include Genesis 11:1-9, Psalm 96, and Revelation 6:9-12. Hymns will include "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates," "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus," and "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence."

December 8th. Second Sunday in Advent.

This service will feature our choirs in a program of Christmas Music. Details will be in the next TORCH.

The annual **Moravian Love Feast** will be held the eevening of December 8th.

FROM THE PASTOR

Many of our TORCH readers, but not all, will have heard that I have told the Church Council of my desire to take early retirement effective on my 64th birthday, May 31, 1992, with my last day in the pulpit being March 1st. I will have 2 and 1/2 months of unexpended sabbatical leave time and 1/2 month of vacation due me by that date. My primary reason for leaving a year earlier than I had originally planned is the increasingly problematical health situation of my parents, aged 88 and 94, who live in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Nancy Lu and I plan to move to be near them sometime in late April after a careful cataloging and packing process, as we may have to live only partially unpacked for a while until we find or build the right home for our retirement years. We have a previously planned trip to Wales and southern England coming up across the end of March and early April. (We purchased airline tickets for it several months before the need to retire early became apparent to us.) We hope to complete most of our packing before then, and be out of the parsonage before May.

Both of us feel considerable sadness at the thought of leaving this congregation which we have grown to love so dearly. We are confident, however, that this church will rise to the challenge of choosing a new pastor, and find an excellent leader as it moves into its second century. We are grateful for the love and support you have given us and are glad we came to this church and community.

John Irvine

THE MODERATOR'S RELAY

As most of you know, our senior pastor, Dr. John M. Irvine, Jr. has informed us of his intention to retire at the end of May 1992. **THE CHURCH COUNCIL WILL MEET THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF NOMINATING TO THE CONGREGATION A SEARCH COMMITTEE. THE COMMITTEE WILL BE ELECTED AT AND BY A MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION.** If you have any suggested names for the Search Committee, please contact any member of the Church Council: Bill Andes, Bill Beyer, Shirley Beyer, Al Carpenter, Tom Conally, Mona Covington, Earl Danieley, Kay Hensley, Harvey Hook, John Ketcham, Dorcas Lohr, Linda Raker, Brian Rose, Gayland Welborn, Estelle Willard, and Ray Covington.

As another step in our long range planning and self-study of the Church, the Church Council met with our consultant, the Rev. Dr. Bill McGregor, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 9th.

One of the main topics which we considered was the pastoral change which we are facing and the relation of thi transition to our planning process. We are determined to continue with our long range planning activities. The next step in this process is the clarification of objectives for the Church. We will be considering these with Dr. McGregor on Saturday, January 11th. We hope that both outgoing and new members of the Council will plan to work with him on that day. This will require the newly formed Boards to mee and elect their three representatives to the Council prior to that Saturday.

We are grateful for the dedicated service of the Irvines during their ministry here. We will regret to see them leave us. However, the greatest possible compliment t Dr. Irvine's ministry here will be our joining in a determined effort to make this a period of growth and development for our Church. The Council will meet on Sunday, November 17th, and prepare to arrange for an interi pastorate. We urge your prayerful support and participatio as we move from this year of great progress to other years of even greater service.

Ray Covington, Moderator

HE RETURN OF THE SOUP AND SALAD LUNCH

HEN: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24 12 noon

HERE: THE PARISH HOUSE

HY: TO SUPPORT THE YETS WORK WITH THE APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT THIS JUNE. DONATIONS WILL BE TAKEN AT THE DOOR.

WHAT'S YETS? YETS IS A MINISTRY TO SENIOR HIGH YOUTH. IT STANDS FOR "YOUTH EXPERIENCE TRAVEL AND SERVICE". LAST YEAR WE WORKED AT THE APPALACHIAN FOLKLIFE CENTER AND IN THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY NEAR PIPESTEM, WVA AND TOOK A ONE DAY RAFT TRIP.

On Saturday, December 7th, and again on the 14th, beginning at 9:30 AM the YETS group, including some of the best babysitters in the greater Elon College area, will entertain your children here at the church while you tend to your Christmas shopping. Once again, donations will be accepted toward our June trip. To sign up, see Beth Lyon, or any YETS member: Katie and Jamie Brown, Karen Mankowski, Brian Rose, Rob Woody, Brian Harper, Beth Tickle, Amy Yarborough, or Julie Nash.

The Middle Highs will meet with Heidi and Beth on Sunday, November 24 from 4-5:30 pm in the Youth Room. We'll be doing the next installment in the human sexuality series. This one will include some things the bible and the church has to say about sexuality.

TORCHGLEAMS

Connie Howard will be 100 years old on November 21st! His wife **Lucille** informs us that he is looking forward eagerly to the party planned for him at 2 that afternoon. He says, "Now I'm going to live to be 102 or 103!" He has a new suit for the occasion, and a recent picture of himself talking with the current Miss North Carolina. He would enjoy receiving cards; his address is Oak Ridge Care Facility, P. O. Box 1316, Sanford, NC 27331. Congratulations, Connie, and many happy returns!...

Congratulations to **Nell Snyder** on winning re-election to the position of Alderman in Elon College. And weren't the new voting machines a great improvement? Speaking of improvements, the church will soon have a new telephone system, thanks to the bequest to the church by the late **Adelia Truitt.** Our old telephone system was increasingly problematic, with fewer and fewer people able to service it and parts harder and harder to get. It will be almost like jumping from the 19th into the 21st centuries for the staff, there has been so much advance in phone technology and options...

TORCHGLEAMS apologizes for an error in the last issue. The uncle of **Faye Conally** and **Earl Danieley** who died was John R. Mansfield, and he died on October 21st...

George Shumar had surgery at Moses Cone Hospital to correct a sciatic nerve condition and was recovering well; he should be at home by the time you read this...**Ann Acquilano** is also recovering at home after surgery...**Bill Terrell** has been having a difficult time of it lately... **Carey Andes** continues to improve and we hope will soon be home...**John Irvine Sr.** had to give up his walker and become a wheelchair person this past week...Remember these folks in your prayers...

SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT

Michael D. Thomas of Logos Language Institute wrote that his church has been investigating candidates for pastor. They found only one to be suitable. Here are the scratch sheets used by the committee with their comments (and a few of my own) on the other candidates--in case anyone is interested in pursuing them for future jobs.

Noah: has 120 years of preaching experience but no converts. (also doesn't show any interest in singles, only couples)

Moses: stutters; former congregation says he loses his temper over trivialities. (seems hooked on some kind of "tablets"; was a murder suspect in his younger years)

Abraham: took off to Egypt during hard times; we heard he got into trouble with the authorities and tried to lie his way out. (he and his wife Sarah also have their hands full taking care of a child born very late in life)

David: unacceptable moral character; might have been considered for minister of music had he not "fallen".

Solomon: reputation for wisdom, but doesn't practice what he preaches.

Elijah: inconsistent, known to fold under pressure.

Hosea: home in shambles; divorced, remarried to a prostitute.

Jeremiah: too emotional, alarmist; a "real pain in the neck," some say.

Amos: no training; suited only as a fig-picker.

John: calls himself a Baptist but lacks tact and dresses like a hippie; would not feel comfortable at a church potluck supper. (is into some kind of weird diet, and is known to lose his head)

Peter: horrible temper; was overheard denying Christ. (sinks when he gets into deep water)

Paul: writings lack tact, too harsh; appearance contemptible; preaches too long. (some wonder why he has never married; seems down on women)

Timothy: has potential, but too young for the job

Jesus: often offends church members with his preaching, especially Bible scholars; too controversial; even offended the search committee with pointed questions (wonder whether he agrees with traditional church laws)

Judas: practical, cooperative, good with money, cares for the poor. Search committee agrees he's just the man for our church...(in spite of a few "hang-ups)

--Ministries Today, June 1991

Additional comments by
The Rev. David Rees

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

13	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
14	-	4:30 p.m.	Terrific Thursdays
		7:30 p.m.	Board of Deacons
		7:30 p.m.	Alternative Circle
17	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		2:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting
		4:00 p.m.	YETS
		4:30 p.m.	Board of Missions
		5:30 p.m.	Church Council
		6:30 p.m.	Handbell Choir
18	-	6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
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		7:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees
24	-	8:00 a.m.	Men's Fellowship Breakfast
		9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		12:00 noon	Soup and Salad Luncheon
		4:00 p.m.	Middle Highs
		6:30 p.m.	Handbell Choir
25	-	6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts - Parish House
26	-	7:00 p.m.	"Soundings" Meetings
27	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving Service at Shallow Ford UCC
29	-		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

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December 8th. Second Sunday in Advent.

11 a.m.: SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS.
Our choirs will perform a variety of Advent and Christmas choral works. Barry Raker will read the lessons. Hymns th congregation will sing include "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "While Shepherds Watched Their Fields By Night," and "Silen Night."

7:30 p.m. MORAVIAN LOVE FEAST.
This traditional College event will be held again in our sanctuary. Our Handbell Choir will play. College Chaplain Richard McBride, Beth Lyon, and John Irvine will share in the leadership of the service. Dr. Irvine will bring the meditation.

December 15th. Third Sunday in Advent.

11 a.m. MORNING WORSHIP.
Dr. Irvine will preach on "'Tis the Season To Be...Worried? from Philippians 4:4-9. Hymns will include "O Come, O Come Emmanuel," "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," and "God Res You Merry, Gentlemen."

(Upon the conclusion of worship, a **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held to deal with the matters of next year' budget, officers and board members for next year, the election of a Search Committee to nominate a new pastor, and such other items as may need to come before the congregation.)

5:30 p.m. CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM.
A delightful children's musical entitled "Angels Aware," in which the angels share the special reason why God came to earth as a baby, will be performed by the youngsters of our congregation under the direction of Betty Walker. The song sparkle and the production manages to be scriptural and fun at the same time. Don't miss it!

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A N G E L S A W A R E !

The story of why God came to Earth as a Baby
told from the perspective of the angels

A (very tuneful) CHILDREN'S MUSICAL

by Kathie Hill and Janet McMahan

Presented by the children of
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Sunday,

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5:30 p.m.

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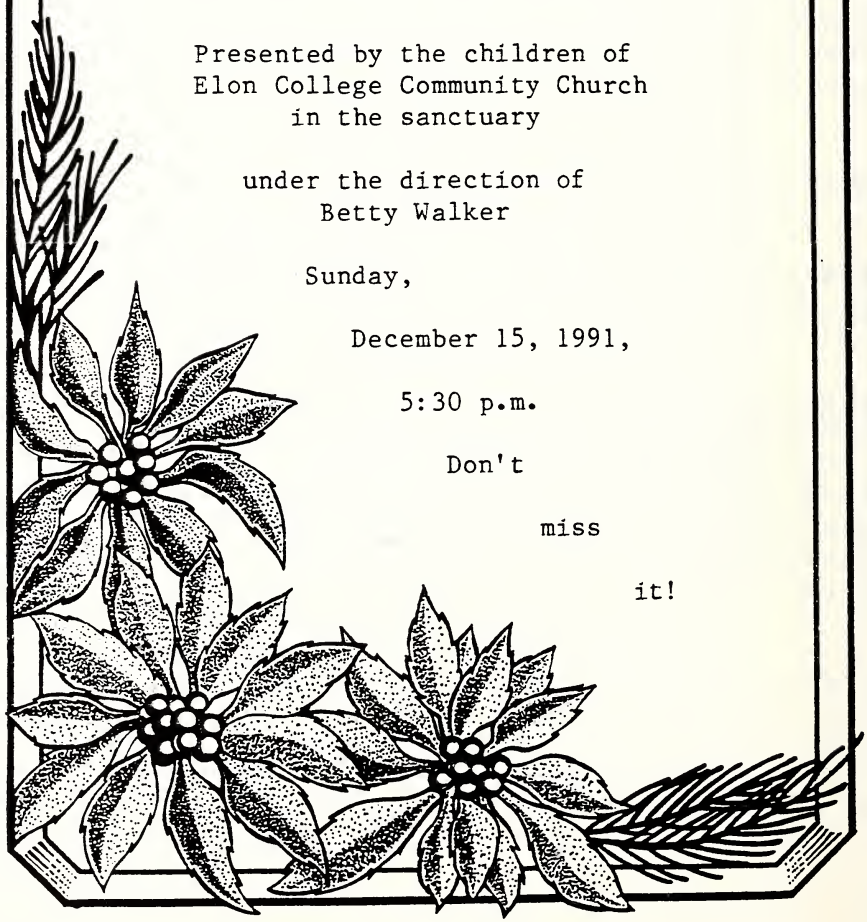

SATURDAY MORNING CHILDCARE

On Saturday, December 7 and 14 the YETS group will provide childcare here at the church from 9:30 until 12:30. Donations will be accepted toward their workcamp trip to Appalachia in June. A snack and activities will be provided by some of the best babysitters you'll find anywhere! This is an excellent opportunity to do your Christmas shopping.

The YETS group wishes to thank the church family for its suppport. The soup and salad fundraiser netted over $120. Unfortunately, our Halloween carnival for kids was sparsely attended and we made less than $30. Our goal, to cover room and board and a half day raft trip at the end of the week for 10 participants is $1360! We plan a Spaghetti lunch for January 12 and a special reservations only Valentine's dinner on Feb. 14. In March we will take hourly pledges from members to do some of the jobs around the church that need doing. We're sure the Trustees can help us come up with a list. In April we plan a bake sale, in May another meal and in June we'll rent ourselves out for the church one more time.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 - Paul Cheek
Phyllis Young

3 - Helene Ellis

4 - Jim Griswold
William Gabriel

7 - Sherleen Smith Corne
Jim Lyon

8 - Jane Young
Jean Simons

10 - Warren Jeffreys
Marie Wilkins

11 - Jane D. Shutt
Keith Fogleman

12 - Wesley Reynolds

15 - Billy Beyer

17 - Gladys Smith

18 - Beverly Oxford

22 - Robert Danieley

23 - Corinna Hope Martin
Miranda Jo Rich
Chris Harris

25 - Caryl Schmidt

26 - Charles Wilkins

28 - Jeffrey Shumar
Elizabeth Mayse

30 - Ann Martin

TORCHGLEAMS

We have belatedly become aware of a signal honor accorded to one of our members. On October 8th, **George Troxler** received the Outstanding Citizen Award from the town of Elon College for volunteer service to the scouting program. And well deserved it was; congratulations, George!...

Al Carpenter serves as advisor to Elon College's Computer team, and came home happy after it captured fourth place on November 2nd in the Division II, Southeast regional 16th annual ACM Scholastic Programming Contest at the University of South Carolina at Spartanburg. Elon finished higher than any other North Carolina school competing. Seventy teams from a 7-state area competed for five hours. All teams had the same problems to be solved by writing computer programs, and the same time frame in which to work. Teams from schools with graduate programs in computing sciences competed in Division I and those from schools with only undergraduate programs (like Elon) were in Division II. Both divisions were also ranked together. In that ranking, Elon came in in 21st place, ahead of Duke (37th), North Carolina A. & T., and N. C. State. Good work, Al!...

George Shumar and **Ann Acquilano** are continuing to make progress in their recoveries from surgery at home, as is **Earl Vickers**, who underwent a ten-hour procedure to correct a heart condition at Duke Medical Center recently...

Virginia Richardson was taken to the intensive care unit at Alamance Memorial Hospital on December 1st and flown to Duke Medical Center on the 2nd with critical heart difficulties...**George Edwards** was injured recently by a falling tree which brushed down his back, leaving him with a bad bruise and a cracked bone or two...

Our sympathy to the **Shoffner** family. **Mary's** grandfather, Ira Leith, died Thanksgiving morning in Burlington. Mary works in the Head Start program which meetsin our church, and her husband **Chris** is our custodian...

TORCHGLEAMS (continued)

Many thanks to **Dr. Ed and Betty Powell** for providing the Christmas wreaths for our sanctuary's front doors, and to the Tan And Toil Garden Club of Elon College for providin the two wreaths for our Parish House doors...And thanks a to Bill Jolly who donated a nice set of stereo headphones for use by Jim Scott in managing the sanctuary sound system...

Alma Lynch expresses her deep gratitude for the many prayers, visits, and cards from members of our congregati during the time of her recent stroke and hospitalization. She is recovering further at home these days...

SEARCH COMMITTEE NOMINEES

A warm thank you to all of you who submitted names to the Church Council of persons you would like to see elected to serve on the SEARCH COMMITTEE. The Council has selected seven names and will nominate them at the meeting of the congregation on Sunday, December 15, immediately after the church service.

Those being nominated are: Ray Covington, chairman; Shirley Beyer, vice chairman; Susan Brown; Jeff Wilkins; E. W. Brafford; John Barbee; and Susan Hemphill.

Nominations from the floor will be permitted. If you plan to nominate someone, please obtain that person's permission before making the nomination. If there are nominations from the floor and there is a contest, written ballots will be used in the election.

Thank you for your participation and assistance.

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MODERATOR'S RELAY

This is a very busy time for our church. The Church Council will meet after church service on Sunday, December 8, to review and act on the budget for 1992; to complete its work of nominating persons to serve on the budget, personnel, and church nominating committees for next year; and, to hear a report from the special committee on Interim Staff Arrangements.

There will be a meeting of the congregation on Sunday, December 15 after the church service for the purpose of approving the budget for 1992; the election of officers, boards and committees for the coming year; and the election of the SEARCH COMMITTEE for our new minister.

The annual meeting of the church will be a dinner meeting in the Isabella Cannon room of the fine arts center at the College on Sunday evening, January 19, 1992.

All of these meetings are important. Plan to be there and do your part in the work of our church.

Ray Covington, Moderator

At the Soup and Salad Luncheon on November 24th sponsored by the YETS several people requested the following receipe for Lentil Vegetable Soup. We are including it in this issue of the Torch.

Lentil Vegetable Soup — 4 to 6 servings

2 qts. veg. stock or water
2 c. rinsed lentils
2 bay leaves
1 medium onion
1/4 c. oil
1 large celery stalk
1 large grated carrot
1 small zucchini grated
2 cloves garlic
2 T parsley
1 tsp thyme
1½ c. tomato juice
¼ c. red wine vinegar
1 - 2 tsp. salt
1 cup grated cheddar cheese

Bring stock to a boil, add lentils and bay leaves. Simmer covered 1 to 1½ hours. Saute onions, celery, carrot, zucchini, garlic, parsley and seasonings in oil until softened; add to cooked lentils with tomato juice and vinegar. Salt to taste and simmer for 30 to 40 minutes or until soup is well-blended. Just before a serving, stir in cheese.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

There was a wonderful "Dennis the Menance" cartoon in the paper recently. A Sunday School teacher was reading a story to Dennis' class, "And Lot's wife looked back, and she turned into a pillar of salt." "That's nothing", said Dennis, "Once my mom looked back while she was driving and she turned into a light pole!"

Children can be delightful and many adults enjoy seeing them up front during the Time with Children. To provide the adults with entertainment, however, is hardly a sound reason for having A Time with Children. We would hope to be providing the children with a meaningful experience and including them in the church's worship. With a wide age-range of children and with the experience taking place in front of the congregation, this is a difficult, if not impossible, task. How do you communicate the gospel in ways that will be understood by the 3 year old and not insult the intelligence of the 3rd grader? When the younger child loses interest and acts out, or says something inappropriate, it may not bother me, but it is a very uncomfortable experience for the parent whose child is "on stage." This I have learned from personal experience!

I think it makes sense to look again at our goals for children and worship. We want some aspects of worship to be meaningful for them. We want them to feel included in the worshipping community. These past few weeks and continuing on into advent, I will not be doing a Time with Children but children will have a part in the worship. For the present this will center around the children's and junior choirs and the lighting of the advent wreath. I will need, in consultation with the senior pastor and the worship committee, to work out more ways to be inclusive of children and youth in our worship in the future. Watch this space for further articles about children and worship.

Beth

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On Sunday, February 2 we will be having a special service in celebration of UCC Women's Week. All women who are interested in helping to plan and/or take part in such a service should speak to Beth Lyon or Dorcas Lohr.

MIDDLE HIGH NEWS

The Middle High group will meet Sunday, December 8 at 4 pm in the Youth Room for a Christmas Wrapping Party. Everyone should bring a food item to share. This is also time to bring the gifts for Alama, the patient at Umstead State Hospital whom we have adopted for Christmas. If you want to bring cash instead of an item off of our list of suggestions, you may send it in by Sunday morning, and those who are interested will shop together for her (meet at the church at 2 pm to van pool to the Outlet Mall).

There will be no youth meetings on the 15th or the22nd of December. Do plan to join the church for the Christmas program at 5:30 pm on the 15th and for caroling at 6:30 pm on the 22nd.

A THANKSGIVING TESTIMONY

At the Elon community's interdenominational Thanksgiving Eve service at Shallowford UCC last Wednesday, a person representing each of the four congregations involved gave a brief testimony. Our church's representative was John Barbee, the first young person to give such a testimony in these services for at least six years. Here is what John said:

"First and foremost I am thankful for our God who brings us all together to praise his name.

"Secondly, I am thankful for a family that has supported me through the best of times and the worst of times. Most recently my family supported me in my quest for employment after college graduation. The job opportunities were less than abundant to say the least, but my family supported me with their unceasing love and patience, until I found a job which was enjoyable as well as profitable. I am also thankful that all of my family is with me here tonight.

"I am extremely thankful for a special relationship with an individual who has come to be so much more than a friend and has enhanced my life in so many ways over the past few months.

"I am also thankful for my community and especially my church. As many of you know John Irvine has announced his resignation from Elon College Community Church in order to be with his parents as their health has begun to decline in recent months. With this in mind, I am thankful for a church that has met this announcement with feelings of appreciation for a job well done and with anticipation of the months to come rather than with feelings of resentment and abandonment.

"Lastly, I am thankful for all the things that I can take for granted day after day like food, clothing, shelter, transportation, and health."

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
DURING THE 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

	Greeters	Flowers
Dec. 1	Kenneth and Lou Harper	Starr
8	Floyd and Maxine Rich	R. Longest
15	Ralph and Hilda Oxford	Brafford
22	E. W. and Doris Brafford	Members' Poinsettia
29	Willard and Sibyl White	Raker

Ushers

Dec. 1	Mike Mayse, Eark Parker, John Hemphill, Lohr Dixon, Dee Atkinson, Don Williamson.
8	Steve Perry, Brian Rose, Martin Rose, Robin Woody, Rob Woody, Stan Willard, Floyd Rich.
15	Ken Harper, Louis Wilkins, Beth Wilkins, John Hemphill.
22	Macon Albertson, Brian Harper, Ryan Harris, Gayland Welborn, Cile Welborn, George Troxler.
29	Ed Simons, Jeff Wilkins, Water Boyd, Jim Lyon

Acolytes

Dec. 1	Heidi Troxler and Amy Rose
8	Tara McKenna and Crystal Bradley
15	Lexa Lohr-Myers and Kim Acquilano
22	Elizabeth Mayse and Emily Woody
29	Marie Acquilano and Lydia Troxler

Child Care During Worship

Dec. 1	Marie Wilkins and Rob Woody
8	Jimma Causey and Brian Rose
15	Sue Brown and Katie Brown
22	Ann Acquilano and Jamie Brown
29	Carolyn Messick and Shawn McKenna

Church Attendance for November

3	-	142	17	-	152
10	-	160	24	-	150

DECEMBER CALENDAR

1 -	9:45 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	4:00 p.m.	YETS
	5:00 p.m.	Nominating Committee
	6:30 p.m.	Handbell Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
2 -	6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship General Meeting
4 -	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
5 -	4:30 p.m.	Terrific Thursdays
7 -	9:30 a.m.	YETS Babysitting Fundraiser
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	12:00 p.m.	Congregational Meeting
	5:30 p.m.	Children's Christmas Program

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DECEMBER CALENDAR - continued -

16 - 3:30 p.m. Troop Committee
6:30 p.m. Brownie Scouts
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

18 - 9:00 a.m. Mother's Morning Out
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

19 - 7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees

22 - 9:45 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
6:30 p.m. Christmas Caroling

23 - 6:30 p.m. Brownie Scouts
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

24 - OFFICE HOLIDAY

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January 5th. Second Sunday After Christmas.

11:00 a.m. MORNING WORSHIP.
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated. Dr. Irvine's meditation will be "Our Vocation of Hope" from Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-18. Hymns will include "O God, Our Help In Ages past," "Lord of All Hopefulness," and "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go."

THE REV. BETH LYON TO BE INTERIM PASTOR

At the recommendation of the Church Council, the Congregation voted on December 15th that our Associate Pastor, the Rev. Beth Lyon, be named Interim Pastor. She will assume this position on March 2, 1992, the day after Dr. Irvine leaves work as Senior Pastor. As our interim, she will work closely with our consultant, Dr. Bill McGregor, to aid the church to do the work it needs to do to prepare to call a new pastor. She will have oversight of weekly worship and preach monthly, carry out visitation and pastoral care, take care of administration and oversee the Christian Education program. She will also conduct weddings, funerals, baptisms, and confirmation. Obviously this will require an increase in her time with us.

In order to aid Beth, she will be recruiting supply preachers for the majority of church services. As a part of the arrangements, the Council recommended, and the budget approved made provision for, (1) adding a Youth Worker to the church staff to carry on the weekly work with the middle high and YETS groups, and (2) adding the position of Parish Visitor, a clergy or lay person who would supplement Beth's visitation to members who are shut-in or in retirement homes.

At the conclusion of the interim period, Beth will be leaving us. She feels that this is in the best interests of the church. It will enable us to look at the church staff situation afresh and decide how we wish to allocate our resources. It will also allow the new Senior Pastor input into the character of and selection of new staff. Beth will not be a candidate for the position of Senior Pastor. At the end of her time as interim, she plans to finish her Master of Theology degree at Duke Divinity School. If you have any questions concerning these arrangements, Beth would be happy to speak with you.

TORCHGLEAMS

It used to be that November was our tough month here for losses to dea in our congregation. Someone said "Fall must be getting later." Wha an emotional time it has been! **Virginia Richardson** died on December 4 at Duke Medical Center, after being taken ill early on December 1st. Hardly had we had her funeral on the 6th when **Bill Terrell** died very early in the morning of the 8th at Twin Lakes Center, after a long struggle with illness. At 95 he was the second oldest member of our congregation. Both of these dear saints had lived long and full lives But then on Monday morning, the 9th, the community was stunned to hear our 17-year-old **Rob Woody** died before he could get out of bed, from an as yet undetermined cause. This dear saint lived a much too brief but extraordinarily full life, and one of the Rich & Thompson staff member estimated that nearly a thousand people, many of them Rob's fellow students at Western Alamance High School, came to the church for the funeral. About 200 people stood out on the front lawn in very cool weather for nearly an hour listening to the service over loudspeakers which the funeral home had had the foresight to provide. Both the Terrell and Woody funerals were held on Wednesday, December 11th. Many thanks to all the people who pitched in and helped with arrangements. Meals for both families were provided in the Parish House. (Elsewhere in this issue of the TORCH we have printed Dr. Irvine's and Rev. Lyon's remarks given at Rob's funeral.) These were the seventh, eighth, and ninth members of our congregation to die in 1991...

On a happier note, there is a new addition to the Scott family. On December 10th, in Irvine, California, Collin Sarver Scott put in his appearance, at 9 lbs. 2 oz. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Scott III, a great-grandson to **Della Scott** and great-nephew to **Lois Lu** and **Jimmy Scott**. Congratulations!...

Remember not only our grieving families, but also our friends with broken bones, **George and Venita Edwards.** George has a couple of crack ribs from a falling tree that brushed down his back, and ten days or s later, Venita took an early morning tumble down the stairs at her hous and broke her right elbow and some bones in her right hand. Both are very sore with many bruises. Also, **Paul Reddish** has not been well lately, with some occasional difficulties in breathing. Pray for thei speedy healing, and for **Ann Acquilano**'s...Then there are our shut-ins: **Elna Huey, Fletcher Moore, Aileen Inabinet, Elizabeth Braxton, Jessie Hook, Eleanore Kittenger.** Pray for fullness of life

for them in the midst of their days...And there are those who can get around a little, but with difficulty: **George Shumar, Dorothy Clem, Ann Martin, Gladys Vickers, Alyssa Lovell, Mark McAdams, Lois Bost.** Pray for continued mending and joy in living for these...Incidentally, we were delighted to see **Lois Bost** back at church December 8th; it's been a long time since she fell in her back yard and broke her hip, before the sanctuary redecorations were completed...

Thanks to **Ray Covington** and his crew--**Barry Raker, Betty Walker, Karl Washburn, Beth Lyon, and Andrew and Rebecca Lyon**--for bringing a great cedar tree from the yard of **Earl and Verona Danieley** to the church, erecting it, stringing it with fifteen hundred points of light plus the Moravian star, and cleaning up afterward on Saturday the 14th. It was simply beautiful for the services on the 15th...

Didn't our church's children do a great job on Sunday with their Christmas program? Thanks, **Betty Walker**, for finding such good material for them to perform, and for shepherding them through this long period of preparation, and thanks, all you kids and grownups involved...

Thanks also to our Cub Pack 51 which collected 258 food items, and to our Troop 51 which collected 183 items, for a total of 441 cans or boxes of non-perishables for our Food Pantry... Believe it or not, there is so much hunger "out there" that we are already running low on the following items: fruit juices, fruits, dry cereals, peanut butter, jellies, tea, coffee, puddings, canned meat stews. We presently have a superabundance of soups, canned beans of all kinds, and green beans. We try to keep the stock balanced so we can hand out balanced food packages to our needy friends...

While we're on this subject, if you donate food to our food pantry, please think your way into the position of a needy person when you select your donations. (1) Very few needy people have microwave ovens and many find it difficult to understand the directions or translate them because of inadequate reading skills, so items designed for microwaving are often frustrating. (2) Be sure to check the quality of the items you bring. We had to throw away at least 15 of those items

collected by the Cubs and Scouts because the containers were obviously old or leaking or badly dented. (This happens every once in a while with items donated by our own members, we regret to say.) The church has no business handing out dangerous food! (3) If you donate one part of a two-part item, be sure the other part comes with it. Every so often we get a cake package, but then have to hold it a long time until a frosting package comes in--or else make a special trip to the store to fill in the need. The same is true with a can of pie filling but no crust. Seldom can the people we serve run to the store and add that item as easily as you or I can...

The offering received at the Union Thanksgiving Eve Service at Shallowford UCC was $203.00. This will go to a fund to provide the furnishings for the chapel in the new Hospital to be built to serve Alamance County; it actually inaugurates that fund...

STAFF VACATION TIMES

Dr. Irvine will be away December 23-25 visiting his parents..
Rev. Lyon will be away December 25 through January 1.
Betty Walker will be away December 25 through January 4th.
Roberta Starr will be away December 25-26.
Chris Shoffner will be away December 15-20 and 26-27.
The Church Office will be closed December 24-25 and Dec. 31-Jan. 1.

We on the staff wish for every one of you a marvelous Christmas and very happy 1992, filled with peace, health, and wonderful surprises! We thank you for your love and loyalty to us. We are privileged to serve you.

Roberta Starr Burt Lyon

Christopher Shoffner Betty Walker

John Irvine

BUILDING FUND MEMORIALS

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Mr. Luther Joyce

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Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hook

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Miss Ruth Dunn
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Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Terrell
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MEMORIAL to Robert Woody III to be used by YETS
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DR. IRVINE'S MEDITATION AT ROB WOODY'S FUNERAL **December 11, 1991**

In the opening portion of T. H. White's wonderful book The Once and Future King, the magician Merlin is providing educational experiences for young Arthur, which Merlin knows are designed to prepare the future King Arthur for his duties, though Arthur is not yet aware of his destiny. At one point Arthur's boyhood friend Kay, two years older, is about to be made a knight, and young Arthur is feeling very left out and blue.

Merlin says to him, "The best thing for being sad...is to learn something. That is the only thing that never fails. You may grow old and trembling in your anatomies, you may lie awake at night listening to the disorder of your veins, you may miss your only love, you may see the world about you devastated by evil lunatics, or know your honour trampled in the sewers of baser minds. There is only one thing for it then--to learn. Learn why the world wags and what wags it."

Well, we are all sad today. Very sad. Our young friend Rob, a bright and burning star, has flamed out. Perhaps in the afterglow we can learn something.

I can only offer you my learnings as I reflect on this. You will have some of your own that may be different, and that is as it should be. Each of us has her or his own angle from which we have been privileged to see this choice young man. But let me share mine with you on the chance they may strike some fire in our common dark.

I

One of the things we can learn, that we sometimes let slip out of mind, is that **love is costly.** Rob had as loving and supportive a family as any young person could ask for. Rob gave love back in abundance, and not just to his family. He loved life and learning and nature and friends and sports. It hurts so badly now that he has left us because the love was so great. We are tempted to pull back and love less because we sense how much pain love can require of us. But God has built us with a drive toward love. We hunger for it desperately. We hunger for worthy people to love and to be loved by. And so a poet could say,

"Tis better to have loved and lost
Than never to have loved at all."

When we love somebody, we place ourselves at the risk of great pain. But isn't it worth it? Love wags the world. "God so loved the world..."--remember?

II

We can learn that **loyalty really counts** because we saw it burn so brightly in Rob. He was not one to shilly-shally when it came to his commitments. He made them and he kept them. He made his church commitments when he was confirmed and he did not then, like so many, drop out; he was a firm and loyal church member because he had made a covenant and he took it seriously. That was Rob's way. He made his Scout commitments when he was a Cub and he went all the way to Eagle. He committed himself to academic excellence and maintained it semester in and semester out. And he would have continued to do so had he lived. His athletic career showed the kind of loyalty that inspired hi and inspired others around him. But with all that, he never paraded it he just acted as if life had a right to expect loyalty of him to his family and friends, to his God and to the natural world, to his school and community and country.

Thanks, Rob, for your bright witness to a full range of loyalties. May we learn from you. For loyalty wags the world. Over and over the Bible speaks of God's "steadfast love." We saw steadfast love in you, Rob, and we are grateful.

III

A third learning I have is **to beware the temptation of thinking that this situation is a disaster because Rob's life is unfulfilled.** It's all too easy to fall into a mental trap here with an implication that Rob hadn't really lived yet. If any youngster ever lived life to the hilt it was Rob. Just think of his intensity! We so easily assume that real life is always somewhere out front of us, and that adulthood is what boyhood or girlhood is all about. Although childhood and youth certainly are preparation for wider later responsibilities, being a child or youth has its own integrity irrespective of what follows. For us to dwell on how sad it is that this promising career was cut short i to put down what all of us knew--Rob was a full human being in his own right as child and as young man. The assumption that this is a wasted life because it has been cut short will not fly. Rob's was not a waste life. On its own terms it was year by year a splendid life. Let us maintain our sense of that against all attempts to reduce it because of a "lost" future.

Take this a step further. When we lock ourselves in circles of thinking what a waste this death is at seventeen, we are making an assumption that God has wasted a great opportunity. Imagine that! God never wastes anything in creation! Just study the natural world a little and you'll recognize the truth of that.

How arrogant of us to presume to tell God what use God can or cannot make of this situation! Rob had a career goal of being a fighter pilot in the U. S. Navy. He will not now reach that goal, but how do we know that God does not have some use in some other part of God's vast realm for this young warrior to fight some evil, for which his life here has been a great preparation? Who knows what great opponent he will be wrestling with as a member of Christ's team, within the providence of a gracious Creator? We are blocked from knowledge of it for this life, but what stories we will hear some day! If we really mean it when we say "ear has not heard, nor eye seen, nor human imagination envisioned what God has prepared for those who love God," why do we act as if it's this life or nothing? In no way am I saying, nor do I believe, that God willed, that God actively desired, Rob to die at this point in his life. God grieves with us over this loss. But it testifies mainly to our arrogant unfaith to say that because Rob did die at seventeen, a great life has gone down the tubes. One greater than we are wags the world, and we can leave Rob in Christ's loving embrace. Amen.

REV. LYON'S REMARKS AT ROB WOODY'S FUNERAL

I wrote a recommendation letter for a scholarship application for Rob just the other week. I said what a joy it had been to have known Rob these past six years, and it has been a joy. It was hard then and it's hard now to know how to do justice to Rob. What I could see were the many little gifts he gave that added up to great faithfulness. From the Christmas pageant, to child care, whatever you needed, he gave. This summer a group of us went to West Virginia on a workcamp and I caught pneumonia. Rob was one of those who carried on with the work of the trip and helped to look after me at the same time. "What a great bunch of kids!" people kept saying to me, and I agreed. I felt truly blessed to know each one of them. And now one of them is gone and our sorrow is too great for words to express.

Rob's life has been a gift to us, and for the time we had with him, we are thankful. Yet I know that the question on many hearts is, why? Why did the life of one so good have to be so short? I can't give you a reason why. All I know is that life on this earth is precious and fragile, more fragile than sometimes we know. The Psalmist said,

"As for mortals, their days are like grass,
they flourish like a flower of the field;
for the wind passes over it, and it is gone."

So I say to you, love one another while you are still on this earth together, for our time is short. Here, Robin and Patricia, Emily and Matthew, and all of Rob's family, you are an example to us, for I know that a day didn't go by that Rob didn't know that you loved him and were proud of him.

As for Rob, he fought the good fight; he finished the race; he kept the faith. We buried a good Christian from this congregation this morning. Mr. Terrell was 95. For him the race was a marathon and he ran it well. For Rob that race was a short sprint, but he ran it no less well. He ran it with faithfulness, and courage and heart. At the end of the race Paul speaks of a crown of righteousness that is waiting for us. Even in our pain and grief we hang on tight to the living hope that is in us. Through the grace and power of our Lord Jesus Christ, Rob's perishable body has put on imperishability. Because Jesus lives, Rob lives also.

Moderator's Relay

At our congregational meeting last Sunday we voted to (1) approve the tor's plan to retire at the end of May (2) invite the Rev. Beth Lyon to rve as our interim pastor, to employ a part-time youth worker, and to employ art-time Parish Visitor (3) approve the proposed budget for 1992 (4) elect ficers, boards, and committees for the Church, and (5) name a Search mmittee.

The Church Council tried to nominate persons for the Search Committee who uld represent all of the constituencies of the Church: adults, youth, men, nen, new members, members of long standing, choir, and parents with children the Church.

The first task for the Search Committee is to develop a profile of the urch and we will begin that task soon. The Rev. Yvonne Beazley will meet th our committee in January and will assist us in our search. We invite ur suggestions, your support, and your prayerful concern.

Ray Covington, Moderator

DECEMBER CALENDAR

18	-	9:00 a.m.	Mother's Morning Out
		7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
19	-	7:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees
22	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		6:30 p.m.	Christmas Caroling
23	-	6:30 p.m.	Brownie Scouts
24	-		OFFICE HOLIDAY
		7:30 p.m.	Christmas Eve Service
25	-		OFFICE HOLIDAY
29	-	9:45 a.m.	Church School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship Service

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SOMETIMES OUR NEIGHBORS ARE US!

Sandy Butterfield and Margy Beckner didn't think of themselves as neighbors in need. As members of the Congregational United Church of Christ in Shandon, Ohio, they supported the Neighbors in Need offering. But they never expected to receive any assistance from it.

Margy lives a quarter mile from the government's Fernald, Ohio, nuclear weapons plant. Sandy lives across the road and can see it from her living room window. Not so long ago, they learned that a neighbor's drinking well had been contaminated by nuclear waste that had leaked from the plant. Even worse, the Department of Energy had known about it for over a year without telling them.

Sandy and Margy aren't political activists. But with their families' health at stake, they got organized. "It was something bigger than we could tackle alone," Margy says. So they helped form a residents' group, brought suit against the government—and won!

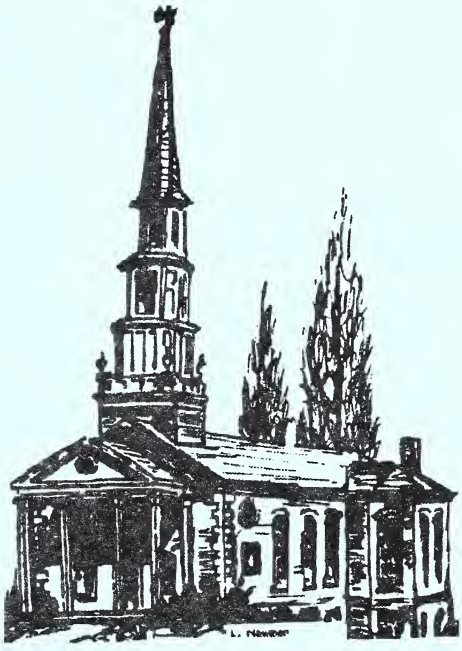
The settlement provided some relief to the people who live near Fernald. But what about the many others who live in the shadows of the sixteen other weapons facilities in the United States? The Department of Energy refused to acknowledge the threat to their health and environment. A national problem required a national response.

Part of our gifts to the 1989 Neighbors in Need offering supported a special project to help the thousands of families menaced by nuclear weapons production in the United States. To educate our own members to the problem, church "soundings," meetings with conference staff, and tours of weapons facilities were held in four UCC conferences directly affected by the plants. Our gifts also helped to inform the larger church: a comprehensive background paper and four bulletin inserts were prepared for use in congregations from coast to coast.

In behalf of the UCC, Sandy Butterfield came to Washington, DC, to advocate specific changes in the Department of Energy's policies and priorities. She and Office for Church in Society staff testified before Congress and the Department of Energy. To force the government to complete an environmental impact statement on the entire weapons complex, OCIS joined in taking the Department of Energy to court.

In the case of nuclear pollution from U.S. weapons facilities, the neighbors we helped through Neighbors in Need included some of us.

A Proud History



A Promising Future

Elon College Community Church

MILEPOSTS FROM OUR HISTORY

The Elon College Christian Church was founded on April 19, 1891, as a church of the Southern Christian Convention. In 1931 that body merged to form the Congregational Christian Church, and in 1957 that body merged to form United Church of Christ.

Church services were held in college buildings on the campus until 1959. College personnel served for many years as part-time pastors. Those ministers included William S. Long, James O. Atkinson, John U. Newman, Nathaniel G. Newman, James W. Wellons, Warner S. Alexander, Alfred M. Hurst, and Leon E. Smith.

A parsonage was constructed in 1923, the same year the church changed its name to Elon College Community Church to reflect its widening constituency. The Parish House was built in 1949. The present church sanctuary was constructed in 1959. The present parsonage was built in 1961. The Christian Education addition to the sanctuary was completed in 1976.

The first full-time pastor, Dr. Jesse H. Dollar, was called in 1946. Since that time, the full-time pastors have been Howard P. Bozarth, William J. Andes, Thomas R. Hamilton, and John M. Irvine, Jr. Interim pastors have been John G. Truitt, Howard P. Bozarth, and Charles G. Chamberlain. Beth G. Lyon now serves as Associate Pastor.

A SECOND CENTURY FUND CAMPAIGN

The Church Council has authorized a capital funds campaign in order to meet the needs for the physical plant improvements, as well as program enhancement and extension.

An overall goal of $124,926 has been established in order to meet these needs. All members and friends of the church are being asked to make three-year commitments to our campaign.

OVERALL CAMPAIGN GOAL: $124,926

CAMPAIGN SCHEDULE - 1991

Advance gifts solicitation.....	March 10-20
Affirmation Sunday -- present pledges.....	March 31
Canvas for other pledges.....	April 1-10
Centennial Sunday..... CAMPAIGN VICTORY.....	April 14

CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

Walstein Snyder -- Chairman
Phyllis Young, Barry Raker, Martin Shotzberger, Ray Covington, and Earl Danieley

Elon College Community Church
Second Century Fund

In support of Elon College Community Church's
Proud History and Promising Future.
I/We make this commitment:

Amount: $_____

To be paid: Weekly $_____ **Monthly $**_____

Quarterly $_____ **Annually $**_____

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PARISH HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS

Our church's Parish House needs to be renovated and refurbished. The necessary work has been contracted and has already begun. Predicted improvements and expenses are provided below:

EXTERIOR ADDITIONS
* Add to front of existing structure a vestibule (9' x 12') with a covered porch (12' x 6')
* Add to rear of existing structure a covered porch (18' x 18')

EXTERIOR RENOVATIONS
* Add vinyl siding with insulation, as well as vinyl covering of all window and door frames
* Paint all window sashes and doors
* Remove chimney in rear of building
* Realign rooflines and repair sagging rafters, reshingle roof, and install new gutters

INTERIOR RENOVATIONS
* Remove existing walls, double doors, attic floor, and stairway at front end
* Install sheetrock over existing materials on all walls above wainscoting
* Remove existing stairway and water closet at rear of building
* Widen hallway and finish with wainscoting and sheetrock
* Add stairway to attic storage
* Repaint entire area

KITCHEN RENOVATIONS
* Build a four-foot pantry and additional cabinets
* Install new counter tops with back splash
* Install triple sink and deep single sink
* Install new stove and microwave ovens

CHURCH BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

SANCTUARY
* Repaint interior, including walls, ceiling, and pews
* Install new carpeting and pew cushions

EDUCATIONAL AREAS
* Repaint lower level of sanctuary building
* Install new carpet in office

ESTIMATED COSTS: $104,176

EXTENDING OUR MINISTRY

As we celebrate a century of service in this community and beyond, and look forward to a second century of service, we want to provide funds for programs which will serve as a foundation for growth.

To meet these expectations, the Board of Missions, the Board of Deacons, and the Church Council have outlined programs and projects that will enrich our congregation's life, as well as help us to reach out beyond ourselves.

Church Council

The Church Council proposes to retain the services of a consultant who will assist us in long-range planning and shaping our organization to meet our goals, assist with our next pastoral transition, and help us in team building with our next pastor. The Council will purchase materials to use in this planning process to strengthen our church as it enters a new century.

Board of Missions

Outreach and support for programs addressing two of the critical problems facing people today: adequate health care and housing.

Health Care Missionaries

* World Medical Missions -- support of a physician as a health care provider in Third World nations.
* Mennonite Central Committee -- support of public health care workers in rural Haiti as they provide health and nutrition education.
* Caring Program for Children -- support of preventative health care for children in North Carolina who do not have health care insurance coverage and who are not eligible for Medicaid.

Housing

* Habitat for Humanity of Alamance County -- join with three other churches to sponsor construction of a house for a local family.
* Habitat for Humanity International -- provide funds to purchase materials for construction of a house in the Puebla-Veracruz Project in Mexico.

Board of Christian Education

* Provide funds to publicize christian education programs to church family, as well as local community.
* Purchase additional recreation equipment for the church's use.

Board of Deacons

Provide funds to support the purchase of children's choir robes, as well as materials for the evangelism committee's efforts.

ESTIMATED COST: $20,750

WORSHIP FOR THE WAY OF THE CROSS

1. THE ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM

(Four reader's stands are visible before the congregation, but empty. Drum; then organ. Before the organ dies the Narrator begins reading from the back of the church.)

NARRATOR: When Jesus drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent ahead two of his disciples, saying, "Go into the village opposite. There you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat; untie it and bring it here. If any one asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say, 'The Lord has need of it.'"

(The Peter and Judas figures begin walking forward to their stands.)

NARRATOR: So those who were sent went away and found it as he had told them...

PEOPLE: AND AS THEY WERE UNTYING THE COLT, ITS OWNERS SAID TO THEM, "WHY ARE YOU UNTYING THE COLT?"

PETER: And they said, "The Lord has need of it." And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their garments on the colt, they set Jesus upon it.

(As the Narrator reads the next portion, the organist plays through the music of the coming hymn.)

NARRATOR: And as he rode along, they spread their garments on the road. As he was now drawing near, at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and to praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying:

(The Choir and congregation join in singing the first three stanzas of the hymn "All Glory, Laud, and Honor," as the children, choir, and presenters process down the aisle toward the front, children waving palm fronds. Children continue processing around the outside to the back, and then go to their seats with their families; choir enters transept; presenters take their places behind the reading stands. In the break between hymn stanzas 3 and 4, the Pilate figure takes the part of a Pharisee.

ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR, TO THEE, REDEEMER, KING,
TO WHOM THE LIPS OF CHILDREN MADE SWEET HOSANNAS RING.
THOU ART THE KING OF ISRAEL, THOU DAVID'S ROYAL SON,
WHO IN THE LORD'S NAME COMETH, THE KING AND BLESSED ONE.

ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR, TO THEE, REDEEMER, KING,
TO WHOM THE LIPS OF CHILDREN MADE SWEET HOSANNAS RING.
THE COMPANY OF ANGELS ARE PRAISING THEE ON HIGH,
CREATION AND ALL MORTALS IN CHORUS MAKE REPLY.

ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR, TO THEE, REDEEMER, KING,
TO WHOM THE LIPS OF CHILDREN MADE SWEET HOSANNAS RING.
THE MULTITUDE OF PILGRIMS WITH PALMS BEFORE YOU WENT;
OUR PRAISE AND PRAYER AND ANTHEMS BEFORE THEE WE PRESENT.

PHARISEE (over organ): And some of the Pharisees in the multitude cried to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples! They're calling you the Christ. Tell them to shut up!"

NARRATOR (over organ): He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones themselves would cry out."

PEOPLE AND CHOIR (Singing with the swell of the organ stanzas 4 and 5 of the same hymn:)

ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR, TO THEE, REDEEMER, KING,
TO WHOM THE LIPS OF CHILDREN MADE SWEET HOSANNAS RING.
TO THEE BEFORE THY PASSION THEY SANG THEIR HYMNS OF PRAISE;
TO THEE WE TOO REPEAT THEM AND MELODIES WE RAISE.

ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR, TO THEE, REDEEMER, KING,
TO WHOM THE LIPS OF CHILDREN MADE SWEET HOSANNAS RING.
THOU DIDST ACCEPT THEIR PRAISES; ACCEPT THE PRAYERS WE BRING,
WHO IN ALL GOOD DELIGHTEST, THOU GOOD AND GRACIOUS KING.

NARRATOR: And when he drew near and saw the city he wept over it, saying, "Would that even today you knew the things that make for peace! But now they are hid from your eyes. O Jerusalem! The days shall come upon you, when your enemies will cast up a bank about you and surround you, and hem you in on every side, and dash you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave one stone upon another in you, because you did not know the time of your visitation."

CHILDREN'S CHOIR ANTHEM:
Christ Jesus entered Jerusalem; not proudly but humbly rode He; Upon a brown donkey, a lowly beast, Christ rode in humility. (Refrain) Hosanna we sing to Christ our King! Hosanna we sing to our Lord!

Ride on now, O King, without scepter or crown, Ride into the hearts of mankind! Rule Thou our lives with love and peace; Ride on now, O King divine!
(Refrain)

2. THE PREPARATION AND THE EATING OF THE LAST SUPPER

NARRATOR: Now, the Feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called the Passover. And the Temple Priests were seeking how to put Jesus to death; for they feared the people.

JUDAS: Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was of the number of the twelve; he went away and conferred with the temple priests and officers how he might betray him to them. And they were glad, and engaged to give him money. So he agreed, and sought an opportunity to betray him to them in the absence of the multitude.

NARRATOR: Then came the Day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it."

PEOPLE: THEY SAID TO HIM, 'BUT WHERE, LORD? WHERE WILL YOU HAVE US PREPARE IT, AND WHAT ARE WE TO DO?"

NARRATOR: He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house which he enters, and tell the householder, 'The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I am to eat the Passover with my disciples?' And he will show you a large upper room furnished; there make ready." And they went and found it as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover.

(The organist begins quietly playing "Let us Break Bread Together on our Knees.")

NARRATOR: And when the hour came, he sat at table, and the apostles with him. And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I shall not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." And he took bread and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And likewise the cup after supper, saying, "This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.... But behold the hand of him who betrays me is with me on the table. For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined; but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!"

PEOPLE: AND THEY BEGAN TO QUESTION, "WHO, LORD? WHO IS TO BETRAY YOU? IS IT I? IS IT I?"

NARRATOR: He answered, "He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. Oh, it would have been better for that man if he had not been born."

JUDAS: Judas, who betrayed him, said, "Is it I, Master?"

NARRATOR: Jesus said to him, "You have said so."

(Silence for a moment while the Judas figure withdraws from his stand and walks toward the back of the church.)

PETER: Simon Peter was indignant. "But not I!" he said. And he declared, "Though they all fall away from you, I will never leave you."

NARRATOR: "Peter, truly I say to you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times."

PETER: Peter said to him, "Even if I must die with you, I will never deny you!"

PEOPLE: AND SO SAID ALL OF THE DISCIPLES, OVER AND OVER AGAIN.

3. THE AGONY IN THE GARDEN

(The organist plays once through the hymn "Go To Dark Gethsemane, after which the choir and congregation sing the first stanza:)

GO TO DARK GETHSEMANE, YE THAT FEEL THE TEMPTER'S POWER;
YOUR REDEEMER'S CONFLICTS SEE, WATCH WITH HIM ONE BITTER HOUR;
TURN NOT FROM HIS GRIEFS AWAY;
LEARN OF JESUS CHRIST TO PRAY.

NARRATOR: And he came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. And when he came to the place he said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation."

PEOPLE: LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US, DELIVER US.

NARRATOR: And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, "Father, if thou art willing, remove this cup from me; nevertheless, not my will, but thine be done."

PEOPLE: OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME. THY KINGDOM COME; THY WILL BE DONE. THY WILL BE DONE. THY WILL BE DONE--

NARRATOR: And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow, and he said to them, "Why do you sleep? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation."

PEOPLE: LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL, EVEN THE EVIL WITHIN OURSELVES.

JUDAS (Coming forward to his stand): While he was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss him,

NARRATOR: But Jesus said to him, "Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?

JUDAS: Judas said, "Hail, Master."

I. MISSION ADVOCATE
52. Write mission concern articles for TORCH
53. Give moments of concern during worship
54. Create mission concern bulletin boards
55. Make banners promoting mission concerns
56. Shop for food pantry
57. Organize, stock shelves in food pantry
58. Prepare meals for homeless shelter
59. Stay overnight in homeless shelter
60. Organize Christmas Cheer
61. Take refreshments and visit at prison
62. Deliver Meals on Wheels
63. Write to missionaries
64. Pray for missionaries
65. Other _____

J. HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
66. Help in home construction
67. Help prepare mailings
68. Serve on Publicity Committee
69. Serve on Fundraising Committee
70. Serve on Family Selection Committee
71. Serve on Site Selection Committee
72. Other _____

K. CROP WALK
73. Recruit walker(s) from congregation
74. Be a walker
75. Be a rest stop volunteer
76. Other _____

L. HOSPITALITY
77. Be a host / hostess for mission visitors or foreign students
78. Bring food for meals
79. Maintain inventory of kitchen needs
80. Other _____

M. CHURCH OFFICE
81. Assist with the TORCH (biweekly)
82. Assist with the Yearbook (January)
83. Assist with Women's Fellowship Booklet (August)
84. Assist with annual financial campaign mailings (autumn)
85. Data entry in computer (Apple IIe)
86. Fill in during Secretary's absences (morning or mornings)
87. Other _____

N. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS
88. Help with special needs of the grounds
89. Help with indoor maintenance, repairs
90. Provide special skills:
    a. plumbing
    b. electrical
    c. carpentry
    d. church van maintenance
91. Other _____

O. BOARDS AND COMMITTEES (To fill an unexpired term in 1991, or volunteer for 1992-94 terms)
92. Mission Board
93. Board of Deacons
94. Board of Christian Education
95. Board of Trustees
96. Nominating Committee
97. Budget Committee
98. Personnel Committee
99. Represent congregation at annual meeting of Conference or Association (circle which)
100. Committee for a Second Century (long-range planning)

After looking this list over, please print your name and list the numbers of up to five items where you would be interested in serving in 1991 or later. Then return it to the church office or put it in the offering plate at worship.

Name_____ Numbers_____

INTO OUR SECOND CENTURY: ONE HUNDRED CHANNELS OF SERVICE.....E.C.C.C. 1991 VOLUNTEER SURVEY

I / we am interested in the following service opportunities at our church:

A. WORSHIP
1. Serve on Worship Committee (assist staff bimonthly in planning and evaluating worship)
2. Serve in nursery during worship (quarterly)
3. Serve as usher (monthly)
4. Serve as greeter (yearly)
5. Serve as Liturgist (assist in leading worship, yearly)
6. Wash acolyte's robes (yearly)
7. Help decorate church for special events
8. Help prepare for and clean up after communion (up to 8-9 times a year)
9. Make a banner for a special day
10. Other _____

B. MUSIC
11. Sing in choir (weekly)
12. Provide music for special occasions
13. Play in handbell choir (rehearse weekly)
14, Serve on Music Committee (assist staff quarterly in guiding and evaluating music program)
15. Other _____

C. CARING FOR EACH OTHER
16. Provide transportation to church for the elderly
17. Visit shut-ins
18. Provide meals for bereaved families
19. Pray for those with special needs
20. Other _____

D. EVANGELISM
21. Serve on the Evangelism Committee (church growth concerns; meets bimonthly)
22. Visit prospective members
23. Help with nametags
24. Other _____

E. CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHING (once to twice per month for adult classes; every other month for children's classes)
25. 3 and 4 year olds
26. Kindergarden and 1st grade
27. 2nd and 3rd grade
28. 4th and 5th grade
29. Middle High
30. College/Young Adult
31. Adult

F. YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS
32. Caregiver for older children during worship
33. Wonderful Wednesday volunteer
34. Middle High Youth advisor (monthly)
35. Senior High advisor (monthly)
36. Discover Fellowship advisor (weekly when college is in session)
37. Sponsor for confirmand
38. Other _____

G. VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL (Aug. 5-9)
39. Teacher
40. Music Leader
41. Recreation leader
42. Arts and Crafts
43. Nursery for children of leaders
44. Aide
45. Other _____

H. SCOUTS
46. Serve on Scout or Pack Committee (monthly)
47. Cub Scout Den Leader
48. Boy Scout Leader
49. Brownie Scout Leader
50. Help with special events (eg. bike rodeo, judge cake sale)
51. Other _____

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